

# Pentagon, Capital Targeted



**Feds: US man planned to blow up Pentagon, U.S. Capital**

A police car sits in the driveway of the home of 26-year-old Rezwan Ferdaus, in Ashland, Mass., Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Ferdaus has been arrested and accused of plotting to destroy the Pentagon and the U.S. Capitol with large remote-controlled aircraft filled with explosives.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

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**BOSTON (AP)** — A man was arrested Wednesday and accused of plotting an assault on the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol using remote-controlled aircraft armed with explosives — the latest of several terrorism cases to spring from federal sting operations.

Rezwan Ferdaus was arrested in Framingham after undercover federal agents delivered materials he had

allegedly requested, including grenades, six machine guns and what he believed was 24 pounds (11 kilograms) of C-4 explosive. Federal officials said the public was never in danger from the explosives, which it said were always under control and closely monitored. Wednesday's arrest was similar to other cases in which would-be terrorists were caught in sting operations that revolved around fictional plots against vari-

ous targets, such as Dallas skyscrapers or a Chicago nightclub. In this case, though, authorities allege Ferdaus planned the scheme.

According to a federal affidavit, Ferdaus, 26, became convinced that America was evil through jihadi websites and videos, and began planning "jihad" against the U.S. in early 2010. He contacted a federal informant that December and months lat-

er, allegedly began meeting to discuss the plot with undercover federal agents he believed were members of al-Qaida.

Ferdaus said he wanted to deal a psychological blow to the "enemies of Allah" by hitting the Pentagon, which he called "head and heart of the snake," according to the affidavit. "Allah has given us the privilege," he allegedly told the informant. "... He punishes them by our hand. We're

the ones."

Ferdaus, a U.S. citizen who graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor's degree in physics, made a brief initial appearance Wednesday in federal court on charges of attempting to destroy federal buildings and providing support to a foreign terrorist organization, in this case al-Qaida. A detention hearing was scheduled for Monday.

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# Escaped U.S. fugitive hid in Portugal hamlet

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**ALMOCAGEME,** Portugal (AP) — He lived the sweet life for decades. But nobody knew he was on the run.

After breaking out of a New Jersey prison 41 years ago, George Wright settled in a picturesque seaside town in Portugal.

He married a local woman, raised two children and grew old in a pretty house on a cobbled street near a stunning beach. Locals knew him as Jorge Santos, a friendly man from Africa who did odd jobs and spoke fluent Portuguese. He kept his true identity secret: convicted murderer, prison escapee and accused hijacker.

Wright's decades-long flight from justice ended when the 68-year-old American was taken into custody by local police Monday at the request of the U.S. government. On Tuesday, he appeared before a judge in Lisbon, the capital, for an initial extradition hearing.

Residents of this charming

coastal town were coming to terms Wednesday with the fact that a man they knew and liked had been living a lie.

"I never imagined George was in trouble," gas station attendant Ricardo Salvador said.

Most assumed Wright was

African, not American. His Portuguese identity card said he was born in Guinea-Bissau, a former Portuguese colony in West Africa. A

caped from the Bayside State Prison in Leesburg, New Jersey, on Aug. 19, 1970. While on the run, the FBI said Wright joined an underground militant group, the Black Liberation Army, and lived in a communal family with several of its members in Detroit. In 1972, Wright — dressed as a priest and using an alias — is accused of hijacking a Delta flight from Detroit to Miami along with four other Black Liberation Army members and three children, including Wright's companion and their 2-year-old daughter.

His capture drew reactions on both sides of the Atlantic. Ann Patterson, daughter of the murdered New Jersey gas station owner, told the AP she wants Wright sent back quickly. "I'm so thankful that now there's justice for Daddy," she said. "He never got any kind of justice." Rui Santos, who works at the Almocageme village council, said he was "stunned" by the news. "I'd never have thought it possible," he said outside a newsstand.

He said Wright approached him in the mid-1990s and offered to coach local kids at basketball, though the project never got off the ground. Until his arrest, life was quiet for Wright in this hamlet of a few hundred residents, where neighbors said he lived for at least 20 years. Speaking Portuguese with a slight foreign accent, he worked at a series of odd jobs, most recently as a nightclub bouncer, said two neighbors who spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared being stigmatized for speaking out. Wright also once had a stall at the beach and ran a barbecue chicken restaurant. He married a Portuguese woman, identified by neighbors as 55-year-old Maria do Rosario Valente, the daughter of a retired Portuguese army officer. They had two children — Marco and Sara, now in their early 20s — who used their mother's last name when they registered for swim classes at the local pool. □



**A woman who said she was Maria Do Rosario Valente, the wife of fugitive George Wright is seen outside the house where neighbors said Wright lived in Almocageme, near Lisbon Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Wright was arrested Sept. 26, 2011 by Portuguese authorities at the request of the U.S. government after more than 40 years as a fugitive, authorities said. The FBI says Wright, who escaped the Bayside State Prison in Leesburg, N.J., in 1970, became affiliated with the Black Liberation Army and in 1972 he and his associates hijacked a Delta flight from Detroit to Miami. After releasing the passengers in exchange for a \$1 million ransom, the hijackers forced the plane to fly to Boston, then on to Algeria.**

(AP Photo/ Francisco Seco)

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Telephone messages were left at the office of his attorney, Catherine Byrne, and at the address listed for Ferdous in the affidavit.

Several alleged domestic plots have been thwarted since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, including in Lackawanna, New York; Portland, Oregon; and Virginia.

Terrorism arrests involving federal stings have often been followed by claims of entrapment, but none of the cases brought since Sept. 11 has been thrown out on such grounds.

Ferdous allegedly planned to use three remote control airplanes measuring about from 60 inches (152 centimeters) to 80 inches (203 centimeters) in length. The planes can fly up to 100 mph (160 kph) and carry up to 50 pounds (22 kilograms).

Ferdous allegedly said he was skilled in operating re-

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**A U.S. man tests his remote control airplane. A man was arrested Wednesday and accused of plotting an assault on the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol using similar remote-controlled aircraft armed with explosives followed by a wave of ground assaults—the latest of several terrorism cases to spring from federal sting operations.**

mote vehicles, and wanted to hit the Pentagon and blow the Capitol dome to "smithereens." He then planned a follow-up automatic weapons attack with six people divided into two teams, according to the affidavit.

At one point, according to recorded conversation detailed in the affidavit, Ferdous told undercover agents that his desire to attack the United States was so strong, "I just can't stop. There is no other choice for me." □

photocopy, shown to The Associated Press, bore the name Jose Luis Jorge dos Santos, an alias U.S. officials said Wright used. It was issued in 1993 and expired in 2004.

Salvador and other residents said Wright had business cards that gave his first name as Jorge or George, and many called him by the latter.

"He was a very nice guy," Salvador said as he took a break from pumping gas on a sunny autumn day in Almocageme, 28 miles (45 kilometers) west of Lisbon. "He used to wave as he drove past and I'd shout out, 'Hey, George!'"

In his younger years, Wright was a darker character. He was convicted of the 1962 murder of gas station owner Walter Patterson, a decorated World War II veteran shot during a robbery at his business in Wall, New Jersey.

Eight years into his 15- to 30-year prison term, Wright and three other men es-





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## US health officials see rise in cantaloupe illnesses, deaths

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Federal health officials said Wednesday more illnesses and possibly more deaths may be linked to an outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe in coming weeks. So far, the outbreak has caused at least 72 illnesses — including up to 16 deaths — in 18 states, making it the deadliest food outbreak in the United States in more than a decade.

Jensen Farms of Holly, Colorado, from where the potentially deadly cantaloupes were traced, says it shipped fruit to 25 states, and illnesses have been discovered in several states that were not on the shipping list.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration first said the cantaloupes also were exported, and the countries involved notified. Officials later retracted that statement and said none were exported.

A spokeswoman for Jensen

Farms said the company's product is often sold and resold, so they do not always know where it went. "If it's not Jensen Farms, it's OK to eat," said Thomas Frieden, director of the CDC. "But if you can't confirm it's not Jensen Farms, then it's best to throw it out."

The recalled cantaloupes may be labeled "Colorado Grown," "Distributed by Frontera Produce," "Jensenfarms.com" or "Sweet Rocky Fords." Not every recalled cantaloupe is labeled with a sticker, the FDA said. The company said it shipped out more than 300,000 cases of cantaloupes that contained five to 15 melons each, meaning the recall involved 1.5 million to 4.5 million pieces of fruit.

Frieden and FDA Commissioner Margaret Hamburg said that illnesses are expected for weeks to come because the incubation period for listeria can be a month or even longer. That means that someone who

ate contaminated cantaloupe last week may not get sick until next month. Jensen Farms last shipped cantaloupes on Sept. 10. The shelf life is about two weeks.



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"We will see more cases likely through October," Hamburg said.

The Food and Drug Admin-

istration said state health officials found listeria in cantaloupes taken from Colorado grocery stores and from a victim's home that were grown at Jensen Farms. Matching strains

of the disease were found on equipment and cantaloupe samples at Jensen Farms' packing facility in

Granada, Colorado.

Sherri McGarry, a senior adviser in the FDA's Office of Foods, said the agency is looking at the farm's water supply and possible animal intrusions among other things in trying to figure out how the cantaloupes became contaminated. Listeria bacteria grow in moist, muddy conditions and often are carried by animals. The health officials said this is the first known outbreak of listeria in cantaloupe. Listeria generally is found in processed meats and unpasteurized milk and cheese, although there have been a growing number of outbreaks in produce. Hamburg called the outbreak a surprise and said the agencies are studying it closely to find out how it happened. Cantaloupe often is the source of outbreaks, however.

Frieden said CDC had identified 10 other cantaloupe outbreaks in the last decade, mostly of them from salmonella. □

## Man at 680 pounds: weight didn't hurt work

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Ronald Kratz II, who weighed as much as 680 pounds while he was working at BAE Systems in Sealy, Texas, west of Houston, says his obesity never kept him from doing his job or receiving high performance ratings during his 16-year career.

But one day two years ago, when he reported for an overtime shift on his materials handling job, Kratz was told that he was too heavy

to continue performing the work.

In an interview with the Chronicle Wednesday, Kratz said he was called into the human resources office and told he was being terminated because company officials thought he weighed too much. He said company officials declined his offer to take a demotion to keep his job. "I wanted to cry," recalled Kratz, who was earning \$21 an hour and supports a wife and three teenagers. He

filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which investigated his claims.

On Tuesday, the agency alleged in a federal lawsuit that BAE Systems violated federal disability laws by firing its morbidly obese employee.

BAE said in a written statement that it is reviewing the allegations and "will respond at the appropriate time and manner."

Kratz, 42, still hasn't found another job, despite sub-

mitting numerous applications, and his unemployment benefits have run out. "It has really been hard on the family," he said. Kratz said he weighed 450 pounds when BAE hired him, gained more than 200 pounds while working there and is now down to less than 300 pounds, thanks to surgery and a diet and exercise program.

John Griffin, Jr., an employment lawyer who represents employees in disability cases, called Kratz's situa-

tion a classic disability discrimination case.

In its Houston federal court lawsuit, the EEOC alleges that Virginia-based BAE, which manufactures military vehicles, fired Kratz for his disability as well as its perception that he was disabled.

It appears the company took the impairment it saw Kratz's obesity - as the reason for termination, said Griffin, managing partner at Marek, Griffin & Knaupp in Victoria. □



# In New Jersey, a private college at a public cost

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For students with their sights set on a private college, the angst comes as a one-two punch: first from competing with thousands of others for a precious few spots, then from trying to scrape together up to \$50,000 a year to foot the bill. Starting next year, Seton Hall University will try to

ferent campuses.

"The primary motivation has been that as we go through what looks like a double-dip recession, we wanted to help our students,"

Seton Hall's president, Gabriel Esteban, said of the new approach. But in addition, he said, "it probably will help us in attracting a certain quality of students."

tal annual bill for students by 10 percent. Many Ivy League schools have lately made a "no loan" commitment, promising to cover students' entire assessed financial need with grants, to families earning as much as \$100,000 per year, hoping they would not dismiss them as options.

Albright College, in Reading, Pa., decided in 2009



Seton Hall University campus in Orange, N.J., March 16, 2009. Starting next year, Seton Hall University will give early applicants with strong academic credentials a discount of some \$21,000 off the sticker price of tuition.

-(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

ease that follow-up blow for early applicants with strong academic credentials, giving them two-thirds off the regular sticker price for tuition, a discount of about \$21,000.

For New Jersey residents, who comprise about 70 percent of Seton Hall's undergraduates, that would make the cost equivalent to that of Rutgers University, the state's flagship public institution; for those from out of state, the private school would be much cheaper.

University officials said the novel policy was intended to provide clarity and certainty up front to the most desirable applicants, easing the weeks and months of stress admitted students faced as they waited to hear how much financial aid they might get from dif-

To qualify for the discount, which would equal about two-thirds of this year's \$31,440 tuition (room, board and other fees add about \$13,000 to the total annual bill),

students must graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes and have a combined score of at least 1,200 on their math and reading SATs – but no less than 550 on each – or an ACT score of 27.

National experts on admissions and financial aid said they knew of no other college providing such a blanket discount for top-flight students, although others have similarly tried to distinguish themselves in this ailing economy by appealing to students' bottom lines. Sewanee, a liberal arts college in Tennessee, this fall cut its to-

to give out more in merit aid than in need-based aid and to send details of financial aid awards out with admissions letters, rather than as follow-ups.

And the state of Georgia has for a decade been granting residents with A and B averages full scholarships to its public colleges, although that program was scaled back this spring for budgetary reasons.

Like many colleges, Seton Hall, a Catholic school in South Orange, N.J., has need-blind admissions:

that is, it accepts or rejects students without regard to their ability to pay.

But also like many of its peers, it offers more generous financial support to the students it most wants – generally known as merit aid. □

# New York State Union sticks to vote as layoff notices begin

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LATHAM, N.Y. – Even as Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo sent layoff notices to the first of 3,496 employees he is vowing to let go, leaders of New York's second-largest union of state workers said Wednesday that they did not intend to ask their members to reconsider the proposed contract they had rejected.

At a news conference at its headquarters here, the union, the Public Employees Federation, demanded that Cuomo suspend the layoffs and return to the bargaining table. The union represents 56,000 state workers.

Asked about taking another vote, as the governor urged on Tuesday, the federation's secretary-treasurer,

Arlea Igoe, said union leaders "haven't ruled it out 100 percent." But, noting that 70 percent of union members had cast ballots in the election, she questioned how another vote could be expected to produce a different outcome.

"Unless the governor were to come back to the table and we were able to tweak something," Igoe said, "what would be the sense of it?"

Seeking to make up the \$75 million in savings that the state says it would have garnered this year from wage and benefits concessions in the rejected contract, Cuomo did not back down.

The governor had no public events on Wednesday, but a spokesman said that the state had begun distributing layoff notices, as Cuomo had repeatedly warned he would do, and that the state did not intend to reopen negotiations with the union.

Cuomo's office said the first layoffs would take effect in three weeks.

The hardest-hit agencies would be the Office of Mental Health, with 643

layoffs; the Department of Correctional Services, with 446; and the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities, with 386.

Federation members around the state reacted with strong opinions to the contract results, which were announced on Tuesday after voting took place by mail over the last few weeks.

On the union's Facebook page and in the comment sections of political blogs, union members debated the worthiness of the contract and, now that it has failed, whether there should be a revote.

The outpouring of comments was so vast, and so impassioned,

that The Times Union of Albany posted on its political blog what it described as a "Post-PEF comment civility guidelines reminder."

In Albany, A.J. Khan, a research scientist, said in an interview that he was worried for one of his colleagues who was likely to be laid off. "She has two kids, and she has a house and a mortgage," he said. "It's tough."

But Charla Anderson, 43, a public health representative in Albany who has worked for the state for 17 years, said she was glad union members rejected the contract. She blamed the union's leaders for agreeing to a proposed deal that demanded workers make what she viewed as overly harsh financial sacrifices,

like paying higher health insurance costs.

"I mean, it's sad – I don't want to say I'm hardened against people who are going to lose their jobs," she said. "By the same token,

I have kids to feed, and when you have kids to feed, and I can't bring my child to a doctor because the co-pays are too expensive, what do you choose? I need to take care of my family." □



# With US teen's suicide come spotlight, caution

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**Associated Press**

**BUFFALO, New York (AP)**

— Taunted since grade school for hanging out with girls, 14-year-old Jamey Rodemeyer told his parents things were finally getting better since high school started. Meanwhile, on a blog his parents didn't know about, he posted increasingly desperate notes ruminating on suicide, bullying, homophobia and pop singer Lady Gaga.

A few days later, he hanged himself outside his home in suburban Buffalo, quickly gaining a fame like that described in one of his idol's songs. Activists, journalists and Gaga herself seized on the suicide, decrying the loss of another promising life to bullying. His cherubic school picture pervaded the Internet and television, as well as a video he had posted earlier about his experience.

But what the incomplete and conflicting portrait of Rodemeyer's life did not convey were the complexities of the teenage mind and the reality that bullying is rarely the sole factor at

work. It also highlighted the risk of creating an icon at the price of glamorizing suicide as an option for other bullied or attention-seeking teens. "If we portray it as something that is admirable and very sympathetic, vulnerable youth may hear that as, 'Look at the attention this case is getting and everyone is feeling sorry and praising this individual,'

and it can form a narrative that can be compelling," said Ann Haas, senior project specialist at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Like in other prominent teenage deaths linked to bullying or intimidation — notably Phoebe Prince, an Irish immigrant in Massachusetts taunted by classmates after she dated a

popular boy, and Tyler Clementi, a Rutgers University freshman whose roommate is accused of spying on his same-sex encounter via webcam — police are investigating to see whether any bullying constituted a crime.

Tracy Rodemeyer said her son was hurt deeply by words from the time he was very young. Boys started

picking on him in elementary school, she said.

"People would say, 'Oh my god, you're such a girl. What are you, gay? That kind of stuff,'" she told The Associated Press in an interview last week.

By middle school, the bullying was overwhelming, she said. His friends would report the abuse, and school officials would pull the boy and the alleged bullies into the office. Rodemeyer also regularly saw a school social worker, who would call his mother after meetings.

"People would be like 'fag-got, fag,' and they'd taunt me in the hallways and I felt like I could never escape it," he said in a YouTube video posted in May as part of columnist Dan Savage's "It Gets Better" project, which seeks to give voices and hope to bullied gay and lesbian teenagers. The teen's video has now been viewed more than a million times. He had talked about suicide in the past but denied recently that the bullying had carried over to high school, which he started shortly before his death, his mother said. □



A vigil with family and friends to remember Jamey Rodemeyer is held outside Williamsville North High School on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2011. Rodemeyer committed suicide outside his home in suburban Buffalo, N.Y. in Sept. 2011 after years of complaints about bullying at school. (AP Photo/Buffalo News, Sharon Cantillon)

## State court:

# Killer not competent for execution

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**Associated Press**

**HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania (AP)**

— A man convicted of murdering 13 people in northeastern Pennsylvania nearly three decades ago is mentally incompetent to be executed, Pennsylvania's highest court ruled Wednesday.

George Banks has been on death row since he turned a semi-automatic rifle on his victims, who included 11 members of his own family — five were his children — in Wilkes-Barre and Jenkins Township in September 1982.

"It appears that Banks is in a different place mentally than he was nearly 30 years ago when he committed his crimes and when he was tried.

Perhaps that deterioration provides some solace to Banks, even though it provides no solace, nor closure, for the families of his victims," Chief Justice Ronald Castille concluded in a 32-page opinion.

In 2004, then-Gov. Ed Rendell signed a death warrant for Banks, but the execution was stayed after his mother, Mary Yelland, filed a petition on grounds that it would violate the U.S. Constitution.

The Supreme Court invoked "extraordinary

jurisdiction" over the case because of the lack procedural rules for handling such case — a problem that Banks' lawyer said the latest ruling should help relieve.

"It has been a long ordeal," said Al Flora, who was a public defender five years out of law school when he was appointed as Banks' attorney.

The court said testimony at a competency hearing last year by expert witnesses for the state and defense established that the former prison guard suffers from a psychotic disorder and is delusional about his crimes and punishment.

Luzerne County Senior Judge Joseph M. Augello, who presided over that hearing, found that Banks is "incapable of rational thought."

Among Banks' delusions are his belief that a police conspiracy resulted in at least two of his victims' deaths, that he was being poisoned in prison by the state Corrections Department, and that he was "supposed to be exempt" from execution or that his death sentence had been vacated "by God, Jesus, the governor, George Bush or some combination of the same," the ruling said. □

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## Guard describes scene when Jackson was found

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

The last days of Michael Jackson's life were filled with the adulation of fans, a rehearsal performance on-lookers described as amazing and intense preparations for his big comeback in London.

In good spirits, Jackson chatted with well-wishers outside his home and at the Staples Center where he practiced songs and dance routines before he returned home. Then, things took a tragic turn, according to Michael Amir Williams, who testified Wednesday in the trial of the doctor charged with involuntary manslaughter in the superstar's death.

Williams, who had gone



Michael Jackson's personal assistant, Michael Amir Williams, testifies during the second day of Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial in the death of pop star Michael Jackson in downtown Los Angeles, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

(AP Photo/AI Seib, Pool)

ond day of the trial helped shed light on what Murray did and didn't do after he found Jackson unconscious in June 2009. Murray, 58, has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison and would have to relinquish his medical license.

On June 24, 2009, the day before Jackson's death, Murray was in negotiations to join Jackson on his tour as his personal physician, testified lawyer Kathy Jorrie of concert giant AEG Live. She said she was gathering information for an insurance company to make sure Jackson was in good health and could be insured. "Dr. Murray told me repeatedly that Michael Jackson was perfectly healthy, in excellent condition. Don't worry about it. He's great," she recalled.

Jorrie said Murray had added to his contract a provision for a CPR machine when they got to London for the highly touted show that would include 50 concerts over nine months. "He needed to be sure if something went wrong he would have such a machine available," she said. "He also told me it was customary."

Murray signed the contract, which would give him \$150,000 a month, and faxed it to her that night, she said. Jackson, however, would never get to sign it.

In the late afternoon of June 24, Williams, Jackson's personal assistant, said he arranged for a car and accompanied his boss to Staples Center for a key rehearsal. □

with him to the rehearsal and had dropped Jackson at home, said he got a frantic call the next day from Jackson's doctor, Conrad Murray. "He said, 'Get here right away. Mr. Jackson had a bad reaction.' He said, 'Get someone up here right away,'" Williams told the jury.

A security guard, Faheem Muhammad, testified that he arrived at Jackson's bedroom to find Murray sweating and nervous, leaning over Jackson and trying to revive him. He said that Jackson's two older children, Paris and Prince, were in shock, and that Paris fell to the ground, curled up and weeping. Moments later, Muhammad said, he heard Murray ask if anyone knew CPR. The testimony on the sec-

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# Obama urges students to finish higher education

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**WASHINGTON** – President Barack Obama welcomed the nation's students back to school Wednesday with a simple appeal: Keep going to school.

"I want all of you to set a goal to continue your education after you graduate," Obama said to students at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School here. "And if that means college for you, just getting into college isn't enough. You also have to graduate."

"Our country used to have the world's highest proportion of young people with a college degree," the president said. "We now rank 16th. I don't like being 16th; I like being No. 1."

It was the second day in a row that Obama had spoken at a school; on Tuesday, he campaigned for passage of his jobs bill at Abraham Lincoln High School in Denver. The legislation would earmark \$25 billion to repair and renovate up to 35,000 public schools across the country. But while that speech was a partisan appeal, pitched to voters in the crucial swing state of Colorado, Wednesday's talk was more ecumenical, focusing on val-



President Barack Obama delivers his third annual back-to-school speech at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in Washington, Sept. 28, 2011. Obama told students Wednesday that they are responsible in helping America get back on its feet and encouraged them to seek education after high school.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

ues like perseverance and hard work. Obama has delivered a back-to-school speech each year since becoming president. Benjamin Banneker High, named for a colonial-era black man who became a mathematician, astronomer and surveyor, is one of Washington's elite public schools, with a rigorous curriculum based on college prep and International Baccalaureate courses. Obama, recalling his own

less-than-stellar grade school days, described an ethics class he took in eighth grade, when he was more interested in basketball than studying. The questions raised – "What matters in life?" – "What

does it mean to treat people with respect and dignity?" – are ones that still preoccupy him, he said.

Paying tribute to parents, Obama said, "Don't give them a hard time when they ask you to turn off the video games, turn off the TV and do some homework." He said he does that with his own daughters, Malia and Sasha.

Obama acknowledged that growing up is more complicated in the digital age.

"Issues that used to stay confined to hallways or locker rooms now find their way onto Facebook and Twitter," he said, adding that he also understood that the economy was putting strains on families, with adolescents having to baby-sit for siblings while their parents work extra shifts. □

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## AP Enterprise: UK tabloid paid spies for scoops



This is a April 6, 2011 file photo of former News of the World chief reporter Neville Thurlbeck. A British employment tribunal filing shows that Thurlbeck is claiming unfair dismissal from his former publisher, Rupert Murdoch's News International. News International said Wednesday Sept. 28, 2011 it "will vigorously contest the case," filed on Sept. 13. Thurlbeck is expected to claim he was sacked for whistleblowing in the phone-hacking scandal that brought down his tabloid.

(AP Photo/Yui Mok/PA, File)

**RAPHAEL G. SATTER**

**Associated Press**

**LONDON (AP)** — No one suspected the secretary.

Efficient, well-dressed and well-liked, Sue Harris was at the heart of the Sunday People, the smallest of Brit-

ain's weekly tabloids. She booked flights, reserved accommodation, and tallied expenses for the populist paper's dozen or so full-time reporters. These journalists implicitly trusted the petite,

40-something south Londoner who'd spent most if not all of her working life at the tabloid.

Maybe they shouldn't have.

In 1995 Harris was dismissed over an allegation that she'd been feeding her paper's juiciest scoops to the Piers Morgan-edited News of the World, betraying her co-workers for a weekly payoff of 250 pounds — then worth about \$375. Although People journalists had long believed there was a traitor in their midst, they were shocked when Harris was exposed.

"Everybody knew there was a mole," said a former senior journalist with the People. "We never thought the person we were looking for was her."

The journalist, who was there when Harris was fired, was among three former colleagues who recounted their stories to The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because they still work in the media industry.

Harris' alleged spying on behalf of the News of the World wasn't unique, an AP investigation has found. Interviews with three more former journalists and published accounts suggest that Rupert Murdoch's flagship Sunday tabloid engaged in a pattern of pay-offs aimed at rival newspaper employees. The News of the World was closed in July as evidence of illegal conduct there became inescapable. Although accusations that the paper hacked into phones and corrupted police officers to win scoops have been widely aired, the paper's efforts to subvert rival newspaper employees have seen less attention. American investigators are already examining whether the News of the World's parent company, New York-based News Corp., broke U.S. anti-corruption laws by bribing British officials. Legal experts now say that payments made to rival journalists could make it more difficult for the media conglomerate to defend itself against any potential prosecution. □

## Caribbean Briefs

### Government legalizes purchase, sale of cars

**HAVANA (AP)** — Cuba legalized the sale and purchase of automobiles for all citizens on Wednesday, another major step in the communist run island's economic transformation and one that the public has been clamoring for during decades. The government announced the move in April, but sales have been on hold until the measure was published into law in the Official Gazette. Under the law, which takes effect Oct. 1, buyers and sellers must each pay a 4 percent tax, and buyers must make a sworn declaration that the money used for the purchase was obtained legally. Unrestricted sales had previously been limited to cars built before the 1959 revolution, one of the reasons Cuba's streets are about the only place on the planet one routinely finds a multitude of finned American classics from the 1950s such as Chevrolets Bel Airs and Chrysler Imperials, all in various states of disrepair. Doctors, athletes, artists and others sent abroad on official business were allowed to bring cars back or purchase a boxy, Russian-made Lada or Moskvich from the state. Some senior workers were given company cars, though gas usage is strictly monitored to make sure they are only driven for work reasons. The new law will allow the sale of cars from all models and years, and it legalizes ownership of more than one car, although tax rates go up slightly. □

### Police: German man killed wife, daughter and 3 pets

**SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)** — A German man killed his wife, young daughter and three family pets and then hanged himself in an upscale residence in a tourist city, police said Wednesday. The bodies were found at the couple's home in Sosua, a coastal city north of the capital popular with German citizens. The family had been living there for about two months, said police spokesman Jesus Cordero. He identified the dead as Roman Buchenauer, 31, his Venezuelan wife Rosmery Rivas, 29, and their 9-year-old daughter, Natalia. Police said Buchenauer's passport listed him as being from Altotting, a town in Bavaria. Forensic expert Freddy Salazar said the deaths likely occurred on Monday. Police said the man had poisoned his dog and two cats and placed the animals' bodies next to his daughter. They said he left a brief note describing his love for his wife and daughter, as well as financial problems apparently caused by his grandfather. Police said the man left behind a \$4,000 Chopard ring, a \$2,000 Cartier watch and a \$700 Louis Vuitton bag and ordered that someone sell the items to pay for the family's funeral costs. The German Embassy in Santo Domingo said it did not have information about the case. □

### USS Cole trial to be capital case

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)** — A Pentagon legal official has approved charges that carry a possible death penalty for a Guantanamo prisoner accused of planning the attack on the USS Cole, the U.S. Defense Department said Wednesday. Abd al-Nashiri would face charges that include murder in violation of the law of war for allegedly planning the attack that killed 17 sailors and wounded 40 while the Navy destroyer was stopping in Yemen on Oct. 12, 2000. The U.S. must now bring him before a judge within 30 days for his arraignment before a military judge at the U.S. base in Cuba. This would be the first death-penalty war crimes trial for a prisoner at Guantanamo under President Barack Obama, who had pledged to close the detention center but ran into Congressional opposition to moving detainees to the U.S. A Saudi of Yemeni descent, al-Nashiri was captured in Dubai in November 2002 and flown to a CIA prison in Afghanistan known as Salt Pit before being moved to another clandestine CIA facility in Thailand, where he was waterboarded and threatened with a power drill during interrogation, according to a report by the CIA's inspector general that was released in 2009. His Pentagon-appointed lawyer, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Stephen Reyes, said the treatment amounted to torture and he had asked the Convening Authority to drop the charges or at least remove the potential death penalty. □



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# Security Council tries again on Syria resolution

EDITH M. LEDERER  
Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The U.N. Security Council tried again Wednesday to bridge divisions over possible sanctions against Syria and reach agreement on a resolution condemning the government's six-month military crackdown and calling for inclusive political talks. The United Nations' most powerful body met behind closed doors for two hours to discuss newly revised rival texts — a European draft threatening sanctions against President Bashar Assad's regime if the violence doesn't end immediately and a Russian text which makes no mention of sanctions and rules out any outside military intervention. The Russians and Europeans told reporters afterwards it was a good discussion, and one council diplomat said "there was nothing that looked insurmountable." The Europeans are expected to incorporate some Russian proposals in a new text that will be discussed when council experts meet again Thursday afternoon, the diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly. "The Europeans reached out in the spirit of compromise to other countries," Germany's U.N. Ambassador Peter Wittig said. "The idea, of course, is getting a strong and unified message of the council ... that the Syrian regime has to stop violence and engage in dialogue." It took four months for the



A female protester carries a banner with a caricature of Syrian President Bashar Assad while taking part in an anti-Syrian regime rally near the Syrian embassy in Cairo, Egypt Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. Syrian troops firing machine guns mounted on tanks stormed a rebellious town in central Syria before dawn Tuesday as part of military operations aimed at crushing the six-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad, activists said.

(AP Photo/Mohammed Abu Zaid)

up" with a resolution "if we keep focus on those two main aspects," Churkin said.

It drops the demand for immediate sanctions, but expresses "determination" to impose targeted sanctions if the Syrian government doesn't immediately end all violence, allow fundamental rights and freedoms including free expression and peaceful assembly, lift all media restrictions, and allow unhindered access for human rights investigators.

Churkin said the draft supported the Europeans' "openly declared policy of regime change" which encourages "destructive elements of the opposition" and violence to continue, and he called other unspecified provisions "extremely dangerous." □

council to break a deadlock and finally issue a statement in August condemning the escalating violence in Syria. The Europeans, backed by the United States, quickly tried to press for a legally binding resolution calling for an immediate arms embargo and other sanctions aimed at stopping the government's ongoing crackdown on opposition protesters. But their initial draft resolution, circulated in late August, faced opposition from Russia, China, India, South Africa and Brazil, partly because of fear it might be used as a pretext for armed intervention against Syria. They argue

that the U.N. resolution authorizing the use of force to protect civilians in Libya has been misused by NATO to justify months of air strikes against Moammar Gadhafi's regime, and now its remnants. Russia's U.N. Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told reporters after Wednesday's meeting that both sides "are now closer" than at the outset of talks in August. The key, he said, is not to lose sight of the two objectives — "stop violence immediately and put in train a political process which would lead to reforms and would lead to satisfactory situation of the people of Syria." "I think we should come

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# US presses wary ally Egypt on Israel, democracy

**BRADLEY KLAPPER**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States on Wednesday pressed Egypt's interim military leadership to strengthen Egypt's partnership with Israel and stick to scheduled elections later this year, even though a new set of leaders much less friendly to the U.S. and the Jewish state may be the winners.

After a meeting with the Egyptian foreign minister, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton went out of her way to describe the country's ruling military council as "an institution of stability and continuity," commending it for adhering to Egypt's 32-year-old peace agreement with Israel. She called the Camp David Accords "essential for stability and, of course, essential for Egypt's growth, prosperity and peaceful transition."

But alongside the praise she expressed some growing concerns with the military's domestic policies, specifically a decision to extend well into next year the emergency laws that were a mainstay of abuse during Hosni Mubarak's three-decade rule.

"We hope to see the law lifted sooner than that," Clinton told reporters. "We think that is an important step on the way to the rule of law, to the kind of system of checks and bal-

ances that are important in protecting the rights of the Egyptian people, to create the context for free and democratic elections."

The American demands on Egypt represent in some ways the twin set of hopes

The U.S. also hopes populism unleashed in Cairo and elsewhere does not spell the end of Arab alliances with Israel, which while always shallow and filled with suspicion were still a foundation of U.S. policy in the

projects that create jobs and give them a better standard of living." She rejected the call from some in Congress for new conditions on the \$1.5 billion in annual U.S. aid to Egypt. And she spoke of helping to

deemed vital for American national security but not necessarily supported by the Egyptian people.

The fraying of relations with Israel has especially concerned the United States, which has been lobbying much of the world in recent weeks against a Palestinian bid for recognition as a state and U.N. membership. Egypt, which under Mubarak often played a key mediation role between the two sides, has come out determinedly for the Palestinian bid over fierce Israeli opposition.

In his opening remarks, Mohammed Amr told reporters that Mideast peace talks needed to start as soon as possible "with clear terms of reference and with a clearly defined timeline," pointing the finger specifically at Israel for its approval Tuesday of 1,100 Jewish housing units in disputed east Jerusalem.

"Israeli illegal settlement activities continue to be an impediment in the road for peace, and we would like to see them stopped," he said.

Clinton praised Egypt's leaders for helping defuse tensions with Israel after protesters recently stormed the Israeli Embassy in Cairo, and acknowledged the key role it expected the country to play in forging a two-state peace agreement after six decades of conflict. □



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Egyptian Foreign Affairs Minister Mohamed Kamel Amr participate in a joint news conference following a bilateral meeting at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday Sept. 28, 2011.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

and fears with the movements for greater democracy in the Arab world. The Obama administration has championed those movements but hopes to corral their energy so that political transitions from Tunisia to Yemen don't slide back into military domination or create a powerful new wave of intolerant populism — as occurred after Iran's Islamic revolution a little more than three decades ago.

Middle East. With the fall of U.S.-backed autocrats such as Egypt's Mubarak, however, the U.S. may have less to offer Arab governments in return for their toleration of Israel.

Clinton promised Egypt the Obama administration's full support for a new beginning. She said the administration was aiming to get congressional support for \$1 billion in debt relief for Egypt, so people "can invest that money into new

create a network of community colleges in Egypt to provide training for new employment opportunities. With Egypt, the United States is trying to lay the foundation for renewed relations with a future government that will be more democratic if less amenable to U.S. interests. Washington hopes to persuade Egypt's leaders to salvage ties with Israel and maintain counterterrorism and diplomatic efforts that may be

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# Libyan justice minister: Lockerbie case 'closed'

**LONDON (AP)** — Scotland has asked Libya's new authorities to help track down those responsible for the 1988 Lockerbie airplane bombing, but the country's transitional justice minister told reporters Monday "the case is closed."

In Tripoli, Mohammed al-Alagi noted that the only person charged with the bombing — former Libyan intelligence officer Abdel Baset al-Megrahi — was freed on compassionate grounds in 2009 because of illness.

There is no reason to keep dragging the case into court, al-Alagi said.

Britain's Foreign Office,



The wreckage of Pan Am Flight 103 in a field in Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988.

however, stressed late Monday that Libyan authorities have assured Prime Minister David Cameron that they would cooperate with the United Kingdom in

the investigation.

"Having spoken with the National Transitional Council this evening, we understand that this remains the case," the Foreign Of-

fice said in a statement in response to al-Alagi's remarks.

The Scottish prosecutors' office said Monday it had written to the National Transitional Council asking for written evidence and witnesses that could aid the inquiry into the bombing of the New York-bound Pan Am plane over the Scottish town killed 270 people, most of them American. The investigation "remains

an open inquiry," it said.

Scottish authorities have said that al-Megrahi's trial had found that he "acted in furtherance of the Libyan intelligence services in an act of state-sponsored terrorism and did not act alone."

He was sentenced to life in jail in 2001, but released after doctors said he was dying of prostate cancer and estimated he had three months to live. □

## Mexican President orders forces to Veracruz

**MARK STEVENSON**

**Associated Press**

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexican President Felipe Calderon's administration said Wednesday it is sending troops and federal police to a Gulf coast state where gunmen dumped 35 bound, seminude, tortured bodies on a busy avenue in front of horrified motorists. Federal security spokesman Alejandra Sota said the federal forces will reinforce operational and intelligence work in the state of Veracruz. She didn't say how many troops and officers are being sent.

Sota said Veracruz's government asked federal prosecutors to take over the investigation of last week's body dumping. Authorities have said the victims were linked to the Zetas drug cartel. The killers are believed to be from the New Generation gang, a group that is associated with the Sinaloa cartel.

The area had been dominated by the hyper-violent Zetas cartel, while Sinaloa is challenging their control. Banners appeared in some Veracruz cities over the weekend accusing Mexican marines, who have taken a leading role in the government's offensive against cartels, of kidnapp-

ing residents and favoring the Sinaloa cartel.

On Wednesday, the navy said marines had detained three people who were carrying similar banners in their vehicle near the Gulf coast port of Tuxpan in Veracruz state. The three are believed to be linked to the Zetas, the navy said.

Marines pulled over their sport utility vehicle at a highway checkpoint Tuesday and found the banners, ammunition and a small amount of cocaine inside, the statement said.

The Zetas have extended their operations inland from the Gulf coast, and state police in the neighboring state of Hidalgo reported that two officers were wounded by grenade fragments in a shootout with alleged Zetas. One of the attackers was killed in the confrontation.

The assailants abandoned a vehicle with a grenade, two assault rifles and about 1,000 rounds of ammunition inside, authorities said.

In Tamaulipas state, to the north of Veracruz state, officials in the state attorney general's office said the hacked-up and burned body of a man believed to be a federal police officer was left on a road in the state capital. State and

federal police could not confirm the man's identity.

A message left with the body said the Zetas had carried out the killing, in retaliation for the officer's alleged support for the Zetas' main rival, the Gulf cartel, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Federal police have been sent to several hotspots throughout Mexico to supplement often corrupt, intimidated or weakened local police.

In Ciudad Juarez, a border city where thousands of federal officers have been posted, the federal Attorney General's Office announced that 10 former federal officers had been arrested and ordered to stand trial on charges of extortion, abuse of authority and drug possession, among others.

Prosecutors said the officers were detained earlier this month on a citizen complaint. They were caught with a captive man in their vehicle, who told investigators the police had threatened to plant drugs on him and demanded money in return for releasing him.

An inspection of the officers' patrol vehicles found heroin, marijuana and unlicensed guns, prosecutors said. □

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# Turning a profit while getting tough on immigrants

**NINA BERNSTEIN**

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The men showed up in a small town in Australia's outback early last year, offering top dollar for all available lodgings. Within days, their company, Serco, was flying in recruits from as far away as London and busing them from trailers to work 12-hour shifts as guards in a remote camp where immigrants seeking asylum are indefinitely detained.

It was just a small part of a pattern on three continents where a handful of multinational security companies have been turning crack-downs on immigration into a growing global industry. Especially in Britain, the United States and Australia, governments of different stripes have increasingly looked to such companies to expand detention and show voters they are enforcing tougher immigration laws.

Some of the companies are huge — one is among the largest private employers in the world — and they say they are meeting demand faster and less expensively than the public sector could. But the ballooning of privatized detention has been accompanied by scathing inspection reports, lawsuits and the documentation of widespread abuse and neglect, sometimes lethal. Human rights groups say detention has neither worked as a deterrent nor speeded deportation, as governments contend, and some worry about the creation of a "detention-industrial complex" with a momentum of its own.

"They're very good at the glossy brochure," said Kaye Bernard, general secretary of the union of detention workers on the Australian territory of Christmas Island, where riots erupted this year between asylum seekers and guards. "On the ground, it's almost laughable, the chaos and the inability to function."

U.S. private prisons have long stirred controversy. But while there have been conflicting studies about



**The private road to Curtin Immigration Detention Center, a remote camp operated by the private company Serco where immigrants seeking asylum are indefinitely detained, on the grounds of the Royal Air Force Base Curtin, near Derby, Australia.**

(Andrew Quilty/The New York Times)

their costs and benefits, no systematic comparisons exist for immigration detention, say scholars like Matthew J. Gibney, a political scientist at the University of Oxford who tracks immigration systems.

Still, Gibney and others say the pitfalls of outsourcing immigration enforcement have become evident in the past 15 years.

"When something goes wrong — a death, an escape — the government can blame it on a kind of market failure instead of an accountability failure," he said.

In the United States — with almost 400,000 annual detentions in 2010, up from 280,000 in 2005 — private companies now control nearly half of all detention beds, compared with only 8 percent in state and federal prisons, according to government figures. In Britain, 7 of 11 detention centers and most short-term holding places for immigrants are run by for-profit contractors.

No country has more completely outsourced immigration enforcement, with more troubled results, than Australia. Under unusually severe mandatory detention laws, the system has been run by a succession of three publicly traded companies since 1998. All three are now major

players in the international business of locking up and transporting unwanted foreigners.

The first, the Florida-based prison company GEO Group, lost its Australia contract in 2003 amid a commission's findings that detained children were subjected to cruel treatment. An Australian government audit reported that the contract had not delivered "value-for-money." In the United States, GEO controls 7,000 of 32,000 detention beds.

The second company, G4S, an Anglo-Danish security conglomerate with more than 600,000 employees in 125 countries, was faulted for lethal neglect and abusive use of solitary confinement in Australia. By the middle of the past decade, after refugee children had sewed their lips together during hunger strikes in camps like Woomera and Curtin, and government commissions discovered that Australian citizens and legal residents were being wrongly detained and deported, protests pushed the Liberal Party government to dismantle some aspects of the system.

But after promising to return the work to the public sector, a Labor government awarded a five-year, \$370 million contract to Serco in 2009. The value of the

contract has since soared beyond \$756 million as detention sites quadrupled, to 24, and the number of detainees ballooned to 6,700 from 1,000.

## DANGEROUS PROBLEMS

Over the past year, riots, fires and suicidal protests left millions of dollars in damage at Serco-run centers from Christmas Island to Villawood, outside Sydney, and self-harm by detainees rose twelvefold, government documents show. In August, a government inspection report cited dangerous overcrowding, inadequate and ill-trained staff, no crisis planning and no requirement that Serco add employees when population exceeded capacity.

At the detention center Serco runs in Villawood, immigrants spoke of long, open-ended detentions making them crazy.

Alwy Fadhel, 33, an Indonesian Christian who said he needed asylum from Islamic persecution, had long black hair coming out in clumps after being held for more than three years, in and out of solitary confinement.

"We talk to ourselves," Fadhel said. "We talk to the mirror; we talk to the wall." Naomi Leong, a shy 9-year-old, was born in the detention camp. For more than three years, at a cost of

about \$380,000, she and her mother were held behind its barbed wire. Psychiatrists said Naomi was growing up mute, banging her head against the walls while her mother, Virginia Leong, a Malaysian citizen accused of trying to use a false passport, sank into depression.

Naomi and her mother became a cause celebre in protests against the mandatory detention system, leading to their release in 2005 on rare humanitarian visas. They are now citizens. "I come here to give little bit of hope to the people," Leong said during a recent visit to Villawood, where posters display the governing principles of Serco, beginning with "We foster an entrepreneurial culture."

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Companies often say that losing a contract is the ultimate accountability.

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"If one area or territory slows down, we can move where the growth is," Christopher Hyman, Serco's chief executive, told investors last year, after reporting a 35 percent increase in profits. This spring, Serco reported a 13 percent profit rise.

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*In preparation for its Grand Opening*

## Taste of Belgium's soft opening at the Palm Beach Plaza

**PALM BEACH PLAZA** - Taste of Belgium at the Palm Beach Plaza is open! The new concept-restaurant with its outstanding, modern design has used Aruba's whisper-campaign to let the public know that the newest kid on the block is ready to receive its valued guests.

The first verdicts are in and they are truly impressive: guests absolutely love the decor, the separate sections in the restaurant, the lounge area and the decorations, which are artistic, black-and-white photographs of the Belgian rivière in the 1920's.

But the best reviews are about Taste of Belgium's extensive menu, the Belgian favorites that are its highlights and the wide selection of Belgian beers that grace the drinks menu. The other comments were favorable too; among them that it is super that one can order a glass of top wine without having to order the entire bottle. As the new restaurant is settling down, honing its kitchen and restaurant staff and perfecting its service, the upcoming date for its Grand Opening is already approaching.

Scheduled to take place 'sometime in October', Taste of Belgium's fans should keep their eyes peeled for information in the media, on Facebook, the website and Twitter.

For now, everyone should know that they are welcome to come in and have a look at the place between 8 am and 1 am; the restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between. Choose where you wish to sit, outside on the terrace or inside in cool comfort, in



the restaurant section or in the lounge, where a reading table offers all the papers available on the island

and choose your favorite dish, sip a drink, have a coffee and enjoy! Taste of Belgium is ready for you! ☐





**Saturdays are hot!**

## Café the Plaza celebrates its 20th anniversary with month-long festivities



**ORANJESTAD** - Saturdays are hot at Café the Plaza this coming month. In celebration of its 20 years of existence, the popular restaurant in the Renaissance Marketplace is organizing a number of fun activities, among them kids' activities like face painting, bingo, dino jump and clowns and typical Dutch treats and an outside bar and fish specialties for the more mature fun lovers.

The biggest attractions on the Saturdays in October are performances by fabulous bands like Tsunami, PM Band, Acoustic Soul and Equator.

Balashi Chill is on special

during the events, which are in anticipation of the Royal Visit of Queen Beatrix, prince Willem-Alexander and princess Maxima of the Netherlands.

Café the Plaza is celebrating something special: 20 years in business is not nothing. Twenty years ago, Hans Nooter and Harry Koeman took over the restaurant in Harbortown, as the Renaissance Marketplace was then called.

Their touch proved to be gold: as soon as the place changed ownership, patrons appeared as if by magic.

The secret of the Dutch Touch of these two:

really good value, a nice menu and great meals in a relaxed and very welcoming atmosphere. After so many years, this still holds true.

But Café the Plaza is best-known for its outrageous and fun happenings. Who does not remember the weird Elfstedentocht? It was a team effort in barhopping throughout Oranjestad. Teams had to wear snorkels and flippers and Aruba has never witnessed anything like it ever again.

The event was even written up in Dutch newspapers and it got television coverage as well.

The Plaza always starts off

the year in a most unusual fashion: all patrons are invited for a New Year's toast on January 1st, and what a sweaty, happy affair that always is!

After that the annual Pole-sitting championships are held as well as the Plaza Golf Championships and the first Herring happening. The European and World Cup soccer matches of the Dutch national team, shown on big screens and cheered on by hundreds of Dutchies, consistently create an orange-colored, jolly chaos.

Café the Plaza's latest craze is the Quiz Night series. Every Tuesday evening,

teams of intelligent and savvy gals and guys fight for glory. There are series of 8 evenings, always filled to the brim with avid players. This also is a big hit.

The festivities for the upcoming anniversary of Café the Plaza should not be missed. The Kids' afternoons start at 4 pm; the adults get to play a bit later.

On October 1 it Tsunami that will take the stage; on October 8 PM Band, on the 15th Acoustic Soul and Equator on the 22nd.

Café the Plaza is ready for at least twenty more years of great fun! Cheers to Hans and Harry and a heartfelt 'pabien'!





# Journalist from the UK: Mrs. Faye Bonny from the Saturday Express pays Aruba a visit



**ORANJESTAD** - Recently the ATA had the great pleasure of hosting Mrs. Faye Bonny and her husband Mr. Jon Bonny. Faye works for the Saturday Express where she's the Deputy Picture Editor. The Daily Express is a daily national middle market tabloid newspaper in

the United Kingdom. It is the flagship title of Express Newspapers. In July 2011 it had an average daily circulation of 625,952 and a readership of more than 1.5 million across the country, making it one of the biggest-selling newspapers in the UK.

Mr. Jonathan Boekhoudt from ATA was appointed to coordinate a nice program for the couple and was also in charge with touring them around our mayor highlights and places of interest. The couple enjoyed themselves very much at the Carubbian Festival that



takes place every Thursday night in San Nicolas. They were taken to various restaurants here on Aruba to taste the local flavor. Faye in particular was very fund of our typical Aruban dish the "Cabrito Stoba" (goat stew) and her husband Jon had a particular taste for curry chicken. The ATA would like to thank all the resorts, restaurants and companies for their usual cooperation that made the couple's Aruba experience a pleasant one. Talk of the Town, Westin Re-

sort, Pincho's Grill and Bar, Delphi water sports, The Aruban Chef, ABC tours, The Old Fisherman restaurant, De Palm Tours, Brickell Bay. A very special thanks goes to the Talk of the Town manager Mr. Hans Timpner, who hosted the couple for the first days of their stay and did put a nice dinner show for them, were the famous TV program chef from Holland Mr. Hubert Trinidad prepared a very succulent dish of "Cabrito Stoba" especially for Faye. □



## Aura Casino is where Players Win!

**PALM BEACH** - While Mr. Joseph and his wife Marie from France were playing at our brand new slot machines celebrating their 50th Anniversary, they discovered their lucky streak at the Aura Casino they won a total amount of \$1,007.50. We happily would like to congratulate them and their friends on their winning. The center of Aruba has definitely shifted here at the Aura Casino. Come and try your luck, maybe you can be one of our next lucky winner! □





## At Palm Beach Plaza Mall

# Inima & Jerusa Silva are Taste of Belgium's first guests

**PALM BEACH** - Inima and Jerusa S. Silva from Brazil have the distinct honor to be Taste of Belgium's first-ever guests. The brand-new, gorgeous restaurant in the Palm Beach Plaza opened its doors last Tuesday afternoon without any flourish, but that did not mean that no one came in. On the contrary: guests flocked to the inviting, black-and-white restaurant in droves, checking out the exquisite interior with its lounging area, reading table, extensive bar and spacious terrace and loved it. Raving reviews have been pouring in already and the restaurant did an unexpectedly brisk trade on its first day.

But back to Inima and Jerusa Silva, who ordered ribeye steak on a sizzling skillet and filet mignon with Roquefort cheese. They will now be in Aruba's history books as Taste of Belgium's first guests. Congratulations! □



Richard Visser, Minister of Health of Aruba, addresses the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011.

## Dr. Richard Visser speaks at the UN General Assembly

**New York** — Last week, authorities from all over the world gathered at the United Nations to discuss how to reduce the impact of noncommunicable diseases. NCDs include cancer, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, and chronic respiratory diseases and represent the leading cause of death in the world today, with three out of four people in the Americas suffering from one of these ailments.

Dr. Richard Visser, Minister of Health and Sports of Aruba, addressed the United Nations on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Dr. Visser introduced the "THE ARUBA CALL FOR ACTION ON OBESITY, With Special Attention to Childhood Obesity" declaration that was recently written and signed by 22 nations of the Americas right here on Aruba in June 2011.

He discussed Aruba's battle against noncommunicable diseases, highlighting the use of eHealth for prevention, and announced that a guide to healthy food will be issued to promote healthy eating habits.

"In Aruba," he said, "the noncommunicable disease burden was having an adverse impact on health costs."

He commented that little work used to be done in prevention, so efforts were under way to encourage prevention throughout the lifecycle.

The minister remarked that sports are "the first thing to disappear when there are no funds and the last to receive funds when they are available."

"We are attacking all the problems of noncommunicable diseases together. We must engage in their joint prevention to maximize efforts," he stated. □



# Dream beat Fever 83-67, advance to finals

Atlanta Dream's Angel McCoughtry reacts after hitting a shot and getting fouled during the second half of Game 3 of the WNBA basketball Eastern Conference finals against the Indiana Fever in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011. Atlanta won 83-67.

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Kaia Kanepi of Estonia reacts after winning her third round match against Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark at the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Kanepi won 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

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## Kanepi beats Wozniacki to reach quarters

JIM ARMSTRONG  
AP Sports Writer

**TOKYO (AP)** — Kaia Kanepi eliminated top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 on Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals of the Pan Pacific Open. The 43rd-ranked Kanepi rallied from three games down in the third set and won the match when she broke the defending champion with a forehand down the line. After a sluggish start, Wozniacki dominated the second set but was unable to keep the momentum in the third when she was broken three times by the Estonian player. "I played some good tennis in the second set and the first half of the third but then I couldn't get my serve in," Wozniacki said. "Kaia played a good match today. I'll try to do better next time."

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## CARDINAL WIN



*Braves routed by Phillies 7-1; St. Louis moves into NL wild-card tie*

Atlanta Braves' Dan Uggla kicks his bat after striking out during the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, in Atlanta. Philadelphia Phillies catcher Carlos Ruiz is at left. Associated Press  
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Ozzie Guillen speaks during a news conference where he was introduced as the new manager of the Florida Marlins baseball team, in Miami, Wednesday, Sept., 28, 2011.

Associated Press

By STEVEN WINE  
AP Sports Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — Fresh off a divorce in Chicago, Ozzie Guillen has been reunited with the Florida Marlins and owner Jeffrey Loria. Guillen tends to speak his mind, while Loria leads the league in managerial changes, but both dismissed predictions about a rocky relationship as way off base.

"When we used to go to the

winter meetings together, people went, 'That's a crazy combo,'" Guillen said. "But we know each other." So there's no reason to anticipate Guillen ruffling feathers?

"I couldn't care less about feathers," Loria said. "I don't have any feathers. And I don't care about him ruffling anybody. Ozzie has his opinions, and he's entitled to them. You know that going in. But Ozzie comes

# Ozzie era begins for Marlins

with a great pedigree."

And so the Ozzie era began in Miami. Hours before the Marlins' final game in the stadium they're leaving, they formally introduced Guillen as their manager Wednesday.

"It's a big, big step in my career, a new chapter," Guillen said. "Hopefully I can bring energy, flavor and enthusiasm, but the most important thing is a winning team." The announcement carried little suspense. Shortly after Guillen resigned Monday as the manager of the White Sox, his website leaked the news that he had agreed to become the Marlins' manager. He agreed Tuesday night to a four-year contract and succeeds 80-year-old Jack McKeon, who is beginning his latest retirement.

The Marlins are staggering to a last-place finish in the NL East. With the team moving to a new ballpark and

making a push for more fans and more wins, Loria wanted an experienced manager.

He turned to one of the game's most captivating but unpredictable personalities. "I think we can turn it around next year," Loria said. "When you have a — for lack of a better word — category five manager, it's going to happen."

The two first met more than 20 years ago at a game in which Guillen played.

"I was sitting in the first row," Loria said, "and he came over to me and started talking, and talking, and talking. And the umpire had to come over and say to him, 'Mr. Guillen, you're up.'"

After Guillen retired and returned home to Venezuela, Loria coaxed him back into baseball as a coach. Guillen was McKeon's third base coach with the Marlins' 2003 World Series championship team,

then became the White Sox manager that November.

Guillen led the White Sox to the 2005 World Series title, but his eight-year tenure in Chicago was often stormy and his departure was messy.

Loria, meanwhile, has gone through a succession of managers trying in vain to return to the playoffs. Strong-willed Joe Girardi lasted only one season in 2006, clashed with Loria and others in the organization, and was fired shortly before being chosen NL Manager of the Year.

Guillen will be Loria's fourth skipper since early 2010. Guillen said he hates being second-guessed and knows how to discourage Loria from doing so, since the owner's box is next to the Marlins' dugout.

"I will ask, 'What would you do right now?' before the fact," Guillen said. □

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# Dream beat Fever 83-67, advance to finals

By CLIFF BRUNT

AP Sports Writer

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)**—Angel McCoughtry embraced her role as villain, constantly taunting Indiana's fans while carrying her team to the WNBA finals.

The forward scored 26 points, and the Atlanta Dream defeated the Fever 83-67 on Tuesday night to win the Eastern Conference finals series 2-1 and advance to the championship round for the second straight year.

Atlanta will play at Minnesota on Sunday in the opener of the best-of-five series.

McCoughtry was vocal and demonstrative in Game 1 of this series, earning her status as public enemy No. 1 at Conseco Fieldhouse. She was booed loudly during pregame introductions before Game 3 at a venue

where WNBA fans rarely respond to anyone that way. At one point, the animated McCoughtry threw a towel toward the crowd after coach Marynell Meadors took her out of the game.

The drama was just fuel for the superstar who finished second in league scoring during the regular season.

"You get used to it, but you have to use it to motivate you," she said. "It's do or die. What else can you do? You just use it as motivation and pump your team up."

Iziane Castro Marques scored 23 points, Lindsey Harding scored 16 points and Sancho Lyttle added 10 points, 11 rebounds and five steals for the Dream.

Indiana fought valiantly, but couldn't win with a hobbled Tamika Catchings. The league's MVP was limited to 24 minutes because of plantar fasciitis in

her right foot.

"We went out there and played hard," Catchings said. "We didn't play as smart as we normally have. We had way too many turnovers and gave up way too many offensive rebounds."

McCoughtry shot 19 free throws—eight more than Indiana's entire team. Fever coach Lin Dunn didn't care for the way the game was called.

"I'm sure I'm going to be fined by the league, but I thought the officiating was horrendous," she said. "If they're going to have 33 free throws, they can have them, but at least give us more than 11. It was a physical game. It was a knock down, drag out game, and for whatever reason it seemed like the officials were all from Atlanta."

Dunn thought the only

foul the officials didn't call against Indiana was the one she wanted.

"I don't know why I didn't get a technical, I sure tried," she said.

Indiana enjoyed a similar advantage in free-throw shooting in Game 1, something Dunn thinks the officials noticed.

"I'm sure that after Game 1 with all of the complaining that the coaches from Atlanta did and all of the players whining and everything, maybe it got to the officials, I don't know," she said. "I certainly didn't think that it was fair."

Atlanta won without starting center Erika de Souza, who left to play for Brazil in an Olympics qualifying tournament in Colombia. Castro Marques, the Brazilian guard who took de Souza's place in the lineup, made 5 of 7 3-pointers on



Indiana Fever forward Tamika Catchings, top, and Atlanta Dream's Lindsey Harding battle for a rebound during the second half of Game 3 of the WNBA basketball Eastern Conference finals in Indianapolis, Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011.

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Tuesday. She scored a season-high 30 points when the Dream beat the Fever 94-77 in Game 2 on Sunday to even the series.

Indiana's inability to contain Marques in the final two games was key. □

## Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

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# Kobe Bryant says Italy move 'very possible'

**MILAN (AP)** — Kobe Bryant said it's "very possible" he will play in Italy during the NBA lockout, adding the country is like home because he spent part of his childhood there.

Virtus Bologna has made numerous contract offers to the Los Angeles Lakers star. Bryant discussed the offer with the Gazzetta dello Sport during a sponsor's appearance in Milan on Wednesday.

"It's very possible. It would be a dream for me," Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "There's an opportunity that we've been

discussing over the last few days. It's very possible and that's good news for me."

Bryant later spoke to crowd — in Italian — at the event in Milan. "I don't know what's going to happen over the next three or four weeks, but Italy has always been in my heart," Bryant said.

Virtus told The Associated Press that the latest talks are centered on a \$2.5 million offer for 10 games over 40 days from Oct. 9 to Nov. 16. That would come out to about \$1.5 million after taxes.

The deal would allow Bryant to return to the Lakers

immediately if the lockout ends.

The 33-year-old Bryant spent several years in Italy when his father, Joe Bryant, played on five teams from 1984-91. The elder Bryant, who once owned a small part of Olimpia Milano, now coaches the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA.

"Italy is my home. It's where my dream of playing in the NBA started. This is where I learned the fundamentals, learned to shoot, to pass and to (move) without the ball," Kobe Bryant said, according to the Gazzetta. "All things that when I came back to America the players my age didn't know how to do because they were only thinking about jumping and dunking."

Turkish club Besiktas and at least one team in China have expressed interest in Bryant, a winner of five NBA championships and 13-time All-Star. However, he seems most interested in the Virtus



**U.S. basketball star Kobe Bryant gestures during a sponsor's appearance in Milan, Italy, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Kobe Bryant said it's "very possible" he will play in Italy during the NBA lockout, adding the country is like home because he spent part of his childhood there.**  
Associated Press

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mariners, A's to open season at Tokyo Dome

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Seattle Mariners and Oakland Athletics will open next season in Japan with a two-game series at the Tokyo Dome on March 28 and 29.

Seattle and Oakland had been scheduled to play there in March 2003, but the series was scrapped because of the threat of war in Iraq. The A's will be the home team in both games, the commissioner's office said Wednesday. The series could feature a pair of Japanese stars, the Mariners' Ichiro Suzuki and Oakland's Hideki Matsui, who is eligible for free agency. This will be the fourth Japan opener, following the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs (2000), the New York Yankees and Tampa Bay (2004), and Boston and Oakland (2008). Major League Baseball and the players' association said the series will be dedicated to assisting rebuilding in Japan following this year's earthquake. □

### Former NBA star Sabonis stable after heart attack

**KAUNAS, Lithuania (AP)** — Basketball Hall of Famer Arvydas Sabonis is in stable condition after suffering a heart attack. Doctors in Sabonis' hometown of Kaunas, Lithuania, said Wednesday that the former NBA player is in intensive care, but the heart attack is not life-threatening. The 46-year-old Sabonis was taken to a hospital Tuesday night after going into cardiac arrest while playing basketball. Sabonis helped the Soviet Union win gold at the 1988 Olympics, beating the United States in the semifinals. The 7-foot-3 center played seven seasons for the Portland Trail Blazers between 1995-2003. He was recently inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. □



**This Aug. 11, 2011 file photo shows Hall of Fame basketball player Arvydas Sabonis.**  
Associated Press

## KANEPI

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Kanepi will face ninth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in the Thursday's quarterfinals. Radwanska beat eighth-seeded Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Also, second-seeded Maria Sharapova earned a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4) win over 13th-seeded Julia Goerges of Germany. Sharapova came back from a 3-1 deficit in the first set and then rallied from 5-3 down in the second.

"It was a tough match," Sharapova said. "Two sets go to tiebreak, I was pleased that although I really didn't play my best in the match I stepped it up in the tiebreaks and that was the difference."

Sharapova will face fifth-seeded Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic on Thursday in a rematch of this year's Wimbledon final. Kvitova beat Vania King



**Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark reacts after losing a point against Kaia Kanepi of Estonia during their third round match of the Japan Pan Pacific Open tennis tournament in Tokyo, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Kanepi won 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.**  
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of the United States 6-1, 7-6 (4). "It was a tough loss against her at Wimbledon," Sharapova said. "I thought she played great tennis. She hit the ball big and deep, had a great serve. I hope I can learn from that match and I'm looking forward to it."

Maria Kirilenko of Russia also advanced, beating Ana Ivanovic 6-3, 6-1, and

seventh-seeded Marion Bartoli of France defeated Peng Shuai of China 6-2, 6-1.

Kirilenko, who knocked out U.S. Open champion Samantha Stosur on Tuesday, broke her opponent in the first game of the second set and never looked threatened by the 12th-ranked Serb, who took a medical time-out midway through the second set because of a sore back.

"To be honest, I was a little bit tired today when I woke up," Kirilenko said. "I didn't have that much time to recover because we finished so late yesterday."

Kirilenko broke Ivanovic again to go up 4-1 in the second set and took advantage of her opponent's sixth double fault in the last game to close out the match in 1 hour, 19 minutes at Ariake Colosseum.

Kirilenko will next face compatriot and fourth-seeded Vera Zvonareva of Russia, who defeated Iveta Benešová of the Czech Republic 6-1, 6-2. □



# Braves routed by Phillies 7-1

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Derek Lowe had another miserable outing, surrendering five runs in four-plus innings, as the Philadelphia Phillies romped to a 7-1 victory Tuesday that left the Atlanta Braves on the brink missing the playoffs.

Chase Utley, Hunter Pence and Jimmy Rollins homered for the playoff-bound Phillies to back a three-hit outing by Roy Oswalt (9-10), who tuned up for the playoffs with a strong performance in a largely disappointing season.

The Braves lost their fourth in a row and eighth in 11 games, sending them to the final day of the regular season assured of no more than a one-game lead over the St. Louis Cardinals, who were at Houston.

## Cardinals 13, Astros 6

At Houston, the Cardinals are tied with Atlanta for the National League wild-card lead, getting a vital two-run triple from Ryan Theriot in the seventh inning of a victory over Houston.

The sliding Braves lost 7-1 to Philadelphia, sending the race for the NL's final playoff spot to the final

day of the regular season. If the teams are tied after Wednesday's game, St. Louis will host a one-game playoff on Thursday night. The Cardinals trailed 5-0 early and appeared to be headed for a second straight loss to the Astros. But St. Louis scored five times in the fourth and erased a 6-5 deficit with a four-run seventh.

Lance Berkman hit a two-out single and scored on Allen Craig's tying double. Yadier Molina walked before Theriot's triple made it 8-6.

## Diamondbacks 7, Dodgers 6, 10 innings

At Phoenix, Ryan Roberts' grand slam capped a six-run 10th inning that gave Arizona the most amazing of its 48 come-from-behind victories this season.

The Dodgers had scored five runs in their half of the 10th and retired the first two batters in Arizona's half of the inning.

But the Diamondbacks loaded the bases and scored a run on an error. Los Angeles closer Javy Guerra (2-1) came on and walked in a run, then Roberts lined

the first pitch he saw over the fence in left field.

It was Guerra's second blown save in 23 tries.

## Brewers 6, Pirates 4

At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder homered three times in a game for the first time in his career, including a two-run shot in the seventh inning that lifted Milwaukee to a victory over Pittsburgh.

Fielder's final homer was the least impressive of the three, barely sailing over the wall in right field after he hit monster shots in the third and fifth innings. But it was the last one that made the biggest difference, breaking a 4-4 tie.

The Brewers stayed one game in front of Arizona for the No. 2 seed for the NL playoffs.

## Reds 5, Mets 4, 13 innings

At New York, Jose Reyes hit two solo home runs in his bid for the NL batting title, but Cincinnati beat New York on Drew Stubbs' squeeze bunt in the 13th inning.

Reyes began the next-to-last game of the season with a minuscule .00003 lead over Milwaukee's Ryan Braun. Reyes went 3 for 6 and raised his aver-



Atlanta Braves pitcher Derek Lowe walks off the field after giving up two runs to the Philadelphia Phillies during the third inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, in Atlanta.

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age to .336, finishing the evening one point ahead of Braun, who went 1 for 2 in a 6-4 win over Pittsburgh. Juan Francisco, who entered after Reds star Brandon Phillips exited early with a strained left quadriceps, hit a tying double with two outs in the ninth. He then hustled for a triple in the 13th and scored on Stubbs' bunt.

## Giants 7, Rockies 0

At San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner and two

relievers combined on a three-hitter and Brandon Belt homered into McCovey Cove as San Francisco beat Colorado.

Conor Gillaspie, making a rare start at third base in place of Pablo Sandoval, hit an inside-the-park home run in the seventh while Brandon Crawford added two hits and an RBI for the Giants, who have won two straight following a four-game losing streak.

# Surging Rays win again 5-3

## ST. PETERSBURG, Florida (AP)

— Matt Joyce and Ben Zobrist homered Tuesday to help the Tampa Bay Rays continue their improbable chase for the American League wild card with a 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday.

The Rays, seeking their third playoff berth in four seasons, began the night tied with Boston after making up nine games in the standings since Sept. 4. The two teams remained tied after Boston edged Baltimore 8-7.

Joyce's three-run homer off former teammate Rafael Soriano (2-3) was the All-Star's first in more than three weeks and wiped out a 3-2 deficit in the seventh. Zobrist hit a two-run drive off Bartolo Colon in the sec-

ond, and the Rays kept the score close by turning the third triple play in franchise history after falling behind in the sixth.

## \*Red Sox 8, Orioles 7

At Baltimore, the Red Sox maintained a share of the AL wild-card lead, using four home runs to beat Baltimore and set up a dramatic conclusion to the regular season.

The skidding Red Sox were 6-19 in September before rebounding to edge the last-place Orioles. The win, combined with Tampa Bay's 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees, kept Boston and the Rays tied with one game left.

After blowing a nine-game lead in the span of 23 days, the Red Sox will send



Tampa Bay Rays first baseman Sean Rodriguez stretches out to complete a triple play, getting Russell Martin out at first in the sixth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Jon Lester (15-9) to the mound against Baltimore on Wednesday night in an effort to get into the post-season for the fourth time in five years. Lester, Boston's most successful pitcher, will be throwing on three days'

rest.

## \*Rangers 10, Angels 3

At Anaheim, California, Adrian Beltre, Mike Napoli and Nelson Cruz hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning as Texas stayed on track for homefield advan-

tage in the AL division series with a victory over Los Angeles. The Rangers (95-66) have won five straight and nine of 10 while holding off Detroit (94-67), which beat Cleveland 9-6, for the AL's second-best record.



# Growing Health

By: Dr Carlos Viana

When a new patient comes to me, I evaluate their medical tests, but I begin by observing them the way my Uncle Julio use to look at his land. Julio was a farmer who was considered in his native Portugal, a soil expert. During my childhood I had the opportunity to travel with my Uncle as he appraised land. Uncle Julio showed me there is no "bad" land, just land that is better suited to grow different crops. For example, green peppers needed rich, dark, organic rich soil. If you try to grow grapes in this soil, you get mushy, tasteless grapes. Grapes need poor, rocky ground to produce wine quality grapes. I learned that all soil can be good for growing; however different soil produces different plants. Now, just like Uncle Julio, I check to see what your body is good for growing, healthy cells or diseased cells.

In conventional medicine we have different theories about how we get or "grow" diseased cells. Louis Pasteur, known for the food Pasteurization process, developed the medical Germ Theory. The Germ Theory says that something outside the body, bacteria, virus, and pollution causes disease.

Another biologist, Antoine Béchamp, disagreed with Pasteur; Béchamp maintained that bacteria are not the cause of, but the result of disease. This has also been called the Cellular Disease Theory, and is the premise of Natural Medicine. Natural Medicine states that disease

starts in an unhealthy cell. Like the environment of the land, the environment of your body can grow health or disease.

Common environmental factors that contribute to disease are unhealthy food choices, obesity, infections, radiation, stress, lack of physical activity, and pollutants. According to medical research, cancers are primarily an environmental disease with 90-95% of cases attributed to environmental factors and only 5-10% due to genetics! All of us are exposed in some way to many of these causes, yet one man in two and one woman in three will develop cancer. Why is it then that some people get cancer while others do not?

All lifestyle choices change the environment of your body. It may not be easy to change our entire environment. Toxins seem to be everywhere these days, but most of us are lucky enough to be able to choose clean water and good food to support our body. What happens if your food choices are less than healthy though?

Our cells need clean water and good nutrition to produce energy to grow and reproduce more healthy cells. Without proper water and food, a cell cannot produce an adequate amount of energy. Without this energy, water that has become salty from collecting waste from the body enters the cell causing swelling. This swelling often of legs and feet is known as edema. Edema is an indication that an unhealthy body environment is

developing.

The salt water in the cell pushes the cell's calcium and phosphorus out into the blood vessels. This loss of important minerals from our bone cells and escaped or "free" calcium (not cholesterol) in the blood builds up inside blood vessels as arteriosclerosis, then heart disease develops. The free calcium can enter your joints, producing joint pain and inflammation. With increased calcium in the blood, heart rhythm becomes irregular and finally, without adequate oxygen being pumped by the heart and glucose from good nutrition to produce more energy, the cell begins to die.

Cells die every day. However, if too many cells die too fast, organs and muscles deteriorate.

In some cases, poor environment together with poor lifestyle habits will "turn off" you cell's natural switch which tells it to die when it is not healthy. If your cell's switch is turned off, it changes your cell, so that it eats more and grows rapidly.

Cancer cells do not wait for glucose to naturally get in the cell, but eat the glucose right out of your blood which drains energy from the body. It is nearly impossible to prove exactly what caused cancer in any individual, because most cancers have many potential causes. For example, if a person who uses tobacco heavily develops lung cancer, then it was probably caused by the tobacco use maybe together with other environmental



problems. Since everyone has a small chance of developing lung cancer as a result of air pollution or radiation, then there is a tiny chance that the smoker's lung cancer actually developed because of air pollution or radiation.

Whatever outside environmental problems we come into contact with daily, if we want to be as healthy as possible, we need to do our best to create an inside environment that promotes good health. Starting with drinking clean water daily to cleans and hydrate our body. Next, choose foods good for your metabolic or blood type. Everyone should stay away from heavily processed, unnatural foods. Eat as many fresh fruits and vegetables as possible. Cook with a small amount of healthy fats, like olive oil or clarified butter.

Avoid cow's milk and milk products. Too much calcium in the blood is made worse by milk, milk products and calcium medications and even natural supplements. For a more "cell friendly" easily processed calcium intake, healthy food choices include dark green vegetables, sardines, brown rice or quinoa.

Have your free calcium and phosphorus tested to see if you are losing bone min-

erals and risking calcium deposits on arteries, veins and in joints. Supplement with magnesium and boron not calcium! Of course my other basic supplements for good health always include vitamin C, zinc and lecithin. A hair analysis, available at our clinic can detect toxic heavy metal build up which needs to be safely cleaned from your body.

Get The Point! Louis Pasteur's on his deathbed is alleged to have said - "Bernard was right; the pathogen is nothing; the terrain is everything." When you nourish your body with what it needs to rebuild and clean itself you are making your body a host with for growing health. Make an appointment to have an expert assess your inner environment. For more on this topic, join us for Dr. Viana's presentation "Why do people get Cancer?" Mon., Oct 3 at 7pm at the Dakota YMCA.

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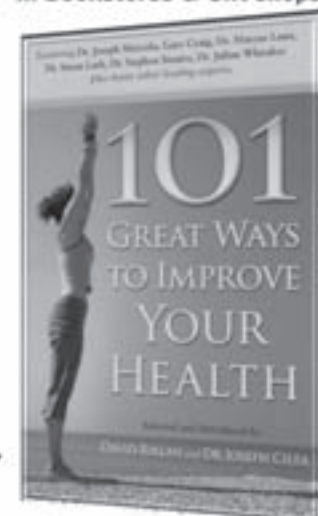


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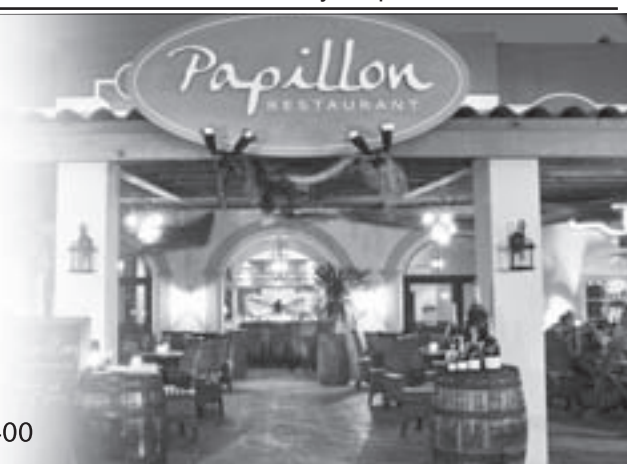


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# Amazon targets the iPad: Ready, aim, Fire

PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is taking on the untouchable iPad with a touch-screen tablet of its own. The company on Wednesday introduced its entry in the rapidly expanding market for handheld computers — a device called Kindle Fire that connects to the Web, streams movies and TV, displays e-books and supports thousands of apps. It's half the size of an iPad and will be less than half the price when it goes on sale Nov. 15. Amazon is offering the Kindle Fire for \$199. The bare-bones iPad sells for \$499, the most expensive for \$829. Of course, competing with the iPad won't be as easy as swiping a finger.

Analysts at one research firm, Gartner Inc., say three of every four tablets sold this year will be iPads. Apple sold almost 29 million of them from April 2010 through June of this year. Amazon sells more than 1 million e-books, 100,000 movies and TV shows, and 17 million songs. It hopes it will succeed where other companies have failed because the tablet is designed to tap into Amazon's massive storehouse of media content. "The reason they haven't been successful is because they made tablets. They didn't make services," CEO Jeff Bezos said in an interview. Bezos unveiled the Kindle Fire at a New York media event that was stage-managed much the same way Apple choreographs its product launches. He walked a stage extolling the product while technology sites live-blogged the event. The CEO also

introduced three versions of its popular Kindle e-reader, all with black-and-white screens — a basic model for \$79, a touch-screen version for \$99 and a touch-screen with 3G wireless service for \$149. Those devices will further pressure competitors like Barnes & Noble as they try to break Amazon's dominance in electronic book sales.

The Kindle Fire's size, with a screen that measures 7 inches (17.7 centimeters) diagonal, makes it a close match to Barnes & Noble's Nook Color tablet, which came out last year. But while Barnes & Noble sees the Nook Color as a jazzed-up e-reader, Amazon has broader goals for the Fire as a platform for games, movies, music and other applications. All that content makes the Fire the only credible competitor to the iPad this year, said Sarah Rotman Epps, an analyst with Forrester Research.

"In theory, Sony could do something similar, but they

haven't, and it doesn't look like they will," she said. "They have a tablet, but they only went halfway on the services."

Sony started shipping its first iPad-style tablet two weeks ago. It's linked to the company's music and movies stores, and the capability for some PlayStation games will be added later.

Analysts had expected the Fire to sell for about \$250. Epps called the \$199 price "jaw-droppingly low," and said it would be tough competition not just for Apple, but for contending tablet makers like Samsung, Motorola and HTC.

Analysts had speculated that Amazon would sell the tablet at a loss, counting on making back some money through book and movie sales. Bezos said that isn't the case, but that the company is happy with a slimmer profit margin than other manufacturers.

"We want the hardware device to be profitable and the content to be profit-



Jeff Bezos, Chairman and CEO of Amazon.com, introduces the Kindle Fire at a news conference, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011 in New York. The e-reader and tablet has a 7-inch (17.78 cm) multicolor touch screen.

Associated Press

able. We really don't want to subsidize one with the other," Bezos said.

Epps said she believes Amazon could sell as many as 5 million Fires by the end of the year but will probably sell closer to 3 million because it's coming out so late. The Fire will run a version of Google's An-

droid software, used by other iPad wannabes, and will have access to apps through Amazon's Android store. Unlike competing tablets, it will not have a camera. Bezos said the camera would be superfluous, since practically everyone has one in their phone anyway. □

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Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York. A two-day rally driven by hopes that Europe had a plan to contain Greece's debt crisis and shore up the continent's other struggling countries ended Wednesday, Sept. 28, amid reports of divisions among leaders.

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## Ending 3-day winning streak, Dow drops 180 points

CHIP CUTTER

AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A three-day winning streak in the stock market came to an end Wednesday as investors worried about Europe's ability to contain its debt crisis. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 180 points. Raw materials companies had the biggest declines after prices for commodities like copper and oil fell sharply. Traders focused on remarks from German Chancellor Angela Merkel suggesting that the second bailout package for Greece might have to be renegotiated. Several European leaders want banks to take bigger losses on Greek bonds. France and the European Central Bank oppose the idea. Germany's parliament is set to vote Thursday on a measure that would give a European rescue fund more powers to fight the region's debt crisis. Finland's parliament approved the proposal Wednesday, lifting some uncertainty over the debt crisis issue which has been dogging financial markets since late July.

"This is a market that has been fluctuating and is thoroughly susceptible to any news, any rumors, any innuendos," about Europe, said Quincy Krosby, market strategist at Prudential Financial. The Dow Jones industrial

average fell 179.79 points, or 1.6 percent, to close at 11,010.90. It had gained 413 points over the past two days.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 24.32, or 2.1 percent, to 1,151.06.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 55.25, or 2.2 percent, to 2,491.58

The declines were broad. Five stocks fell for one that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Only 13 of the stocks in the S&P 500 rose. Four were flat.

Raw materials stocks fell the most of any industry group in the S&P 500, 4.5 percent. Investors fear that Europe's problems could cause the global economy to slip into another recession, weakening demand for basic materials such as copper. The price of copper plunged 5.6 percent; crude oil fell 3.8 percent to \$81.21 barrel.

Miner Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. fell 7.2 percent, and Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. fell 8.4 percent. Coal producer Alpha Natural Resources fell 11 percent, the most of any company in the S&P.

Trading varied widely throughout the day. The Dow jumped 126 points minutes after the opening bell on a government report that orders for manufactured goods fell just 0.1 percent in August, a smaller

decline than economists predicted.

Those gains were gone within an hour, leaving the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq mixed through the rest of the morning. Stocks started to fall in the afternoon, and the selling intensified in the last half-hour of trading.

The decline followed three days of gains. Stocks rose earlier this week on hopes that Europe was moving closer to resolving its debt problems. The Dow soared 272 points on Monday, its fourth-largest increase this year, and another 147 points on Tuesday.

"The market got ahead of itself," said Joseph Saluzzi, co-head of stock trading at Themis Trading. Investors "assumed some kind of deal would be structured, and that was so far away from happening." Technology companies fared better than the overall market. Amazon.com shot up 2.5 percent after the online retailer unveiled a new tablet device called the Kindle Fire. It will cost \$199 and will rival Apple Inc.'s hugely successful iPad. Jabil Circuit Inc. rose 8.4 percent, the most of any company in the S&P 500. The electronic parts maker reported strong earnings and a fourth-quarter earnings forecast that was better than analysts had anticipated. □

## Commodities sink on worries about demand

SANDY SHORE

AP Business Writer

Commodity prices sank Wednesday as hopes faded for a quick resolution to Europe's debt crisis.

The price of copper plunged 5.6 percent; oil fell 3.8 percent and silver dropped 4.4 percent. Other metals and agricultural products also ended lower.

It was a sharp reversal from the previous day, when prices rose on speculation that European leaders could be closer to drafting a plan to contain the region's debt crisis. That optimism faded after German Chancellor Angela Merkel hinted that a second Greek bailout package may have to be renegotiated. Several European leaders want banks to take bigger losses on Greek bonds but France and the European Central



Bank oppose the idea. Investors are concerned that a Greek default would affect the broader European economy. There are already signs that global economic growth is slowing, which could hurt demand for commodities.

"I think all the euphoria that we saw the last two days based on the notion of a solution for European debt issues was clearly misplaced and premature above all else," Kingsview Financial analyst Matt Zeman said. □

## GM workers ratify new labor contract



Visitors walk around a GM Buick Regal car on display inside the "Beyond the Vision" artwork designed by French artist Serge Salat during his exhibition tour held in Beijing.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

TOM KRISHER

AP Auto Writer

**DETROIT (AP)** — Factory workers at General Motors have overwhelmingly approved a new four-year contract with the company that includes profit-sharing instead of raises for most workers and promises thousands of new jobs.

The United Auto Workers union said Wednesday that 65 percent of production workers voted for

the deal, while 63 percent of skilled-trades workers such as electricians were in favor. Voting by GM's 48,500 blue-collar workers ended on Wednesday.

GM was the first company to reach a deal with the union, which is now negotiating with Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Group LLC. The GM pact is a template for the others, but there will be differences. The deal sets pay and benefits for more than 112,000 auto workers nationwide, and influences pay at foreign-owned auto plants in the U.S., auto parts supply companies and for other manufacturing businesses. The contract will lower labor costs to one-third of what they were in 2007 and hold pension costs flat for the first time in almost 60 years. It will also give GM a chance to clear out older workers and replace them with less-expensive new hires, the company said. □



## 5-year Treasury auction draws record-low yield

DANIEL WAGNER  
AP Business Writer

The Treasury Department auctioned \$35 billion of five-year notes at a record low yield, reflecting strong demand for lower-risk investments. The notes were priced to yield 1.015 percent, slightly lower than market yield at the time of auction. Traders sold higher-risk assets throughout the day because of fresh concerns about divisions among European leaders over how to handle the region's debt crisis. German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in an interview that the terms of Greece's bailout package might need to be changed.

Uncertainty about Europe's plans has caused extreme market volatility for months. Traders fear that Greece will default on its debts, threatening big banks and rattling the fragile world economy. The latest disagreement dampened hopes for a quick, decisive solution. Treasury yields were barely changed since late Tuesday, after a see-saw session



in which stocks opened higher then fell sharply. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 180 points. Traders piled into investments seen as less risky than stocks, such as Treasuries and dollars.

At 4:40 p.m., the yield on the 10-year Treasury note was flat at 1.99 percent. Its price fell 71.9 cents for every \$100 invested. The 10-year yield had risen as high as 2.06 percent at midday, before optimism waned over a proposed debt crisis plan for Europe.

The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond edged up to 3.08 percent from 3.07 percent late Tuesday. Its price fell \$1.69 for every \$100 invested. □

## Owens seeks arbitration against Chavez, Venezuela

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — U.S.-based glass container manufacturer Owens-Illinois Inc. said Wednesday it is seeking international arbitration in a dispute with Venezuela over the expropriation of two factories in the South American nation. President Hugo Chavez ordered the nationalization of the company's Venezuelan subsidiary last October. The arbitration case was filed earlier this month before the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, a World Bank-affiliated arbitration body. The case was posted on its website Wednesday.

"Having been unable to reach an agreement with the Venezuelan government regarding fair compensation for two expropriated plants, O-I's Dutch subsidiary, OI European Group BV, has elected to seek compensation," company spokeswoman Stephanie Johnston said in an emailed statement. The subsidiary made the claim under an investment treaty between the Netherlands and Venezuela, Johnston said. She said the company would not discuss how much it is seeking in compensation.

Venezuela's government did not respond to a request for comment about the case. Owens-Illinois, which is based in Perrysburg, Ohio, has operations in 21 countries. At the time the two Venezuelan plants were expropriated, the company said they employed more than 1,000 people and produced glass containers for companies such as Nestle SA and PepsiCo Inc. Chavez has nationalized or expropriated a wide range of companies, including cement makers, retail stores and a steel maker, while calling for a socialist system in Venezuela. □

## EU summit turns focus to bloc's eastern neighbors

VANESSA GERA  
Associated Press

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — Poland is welcoming European Union leaders on Thursday for what is expected to be a key event of its EU presidency: a two-day summit aimed at keeping alive the prospect of the bloc's eastward enlargement.

The summit in Warsaw is to focus heavily on Ukraine, which has been negotiating free trade and association agreements with the EU — a milestone for the former Soviet state in its hoped-for path toward deeper integration with its

ever, is finding little passion for its eastern agenda these days among the West European members focused on the Greek financial crisis and upheavals in the Arab world.

A former communist country with a leading role in the 1989 revolutions, Poland wants to see its eastern neighbors build strong trade and investment ties with the West that would distance them from Russia's sphere of influence.

The Eastern Partnership is a Polish and Swedish initiative launched in 2009 to promote greater integration between the EU and six

in an interview on state radio ahead of the summit. "Our position, unfortunately, so far is not shared by the majority of the members of the EU."

Polish leaders hope to use the summit to remind Germany, France and other Western countries that the countries east of Poland still matter, while also pushing those countries to reverse recent backsliding on democratic reforms.

Poland had made it a key goal of its presidency to see the talks on the free trade and association agreements with Kiev completed before its six-month EU pres-



**Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the executive European Commission, delivers a speech at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011. Barroso called for closer political and financial unification in Europe, as fractures emerged Wednesday among leaders on how to solve Greece's debt crisis.**

(AP Photo)

wealthier neighbors.

The landmark deals, however, are now threatened by signs of Kiev's wavering commitment to democratic standards, including the detention and trial of former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, which EU and U.S. leaders have criticized as politically motivated.

Poland champions deeper integration with Ukraine and other countries on the bloc's eastern periphery, eager to see its post-communist neighbors evolve into stable, prosperous democracies. Warsaw, how-

countries: Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus. Fearful of instability and corruption on its doorstep, Poland hopes greater integration could also set the stage for eventual EU membership for some, including Ukraine. "All our eastern neighbors are European countries and therefore should be offered a European perspective, as we call it. They have the right to become part of the European Union," Roman Kuzniar, foreign policy adviser to Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski, said

idency ends on Dec. 31. Invigorating the Eastern Partnership and bringing Ukraine closer to the EU are the only goals Poland can realistically achieve during its presidency, according to Eugene Chausovsky, an analyst with the global intelligence think tank Stratfor. Poland is not in the euro zone and has therefore been sidelined during the recent European struggle to solve the sovereign debt crisis, leaving it with little chance to assert itself during its presidency, Chausovsky said. □



## Mutts

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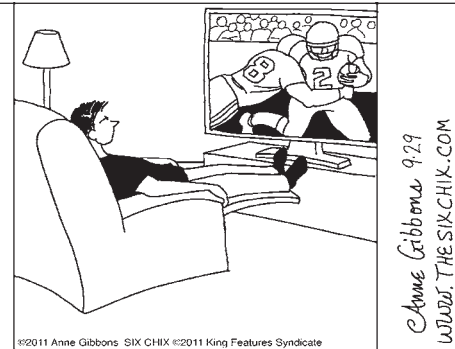


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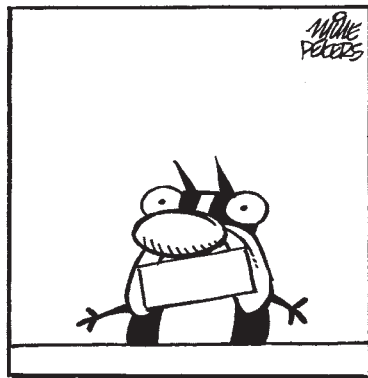
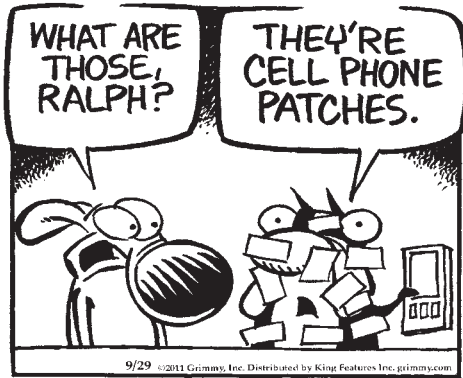
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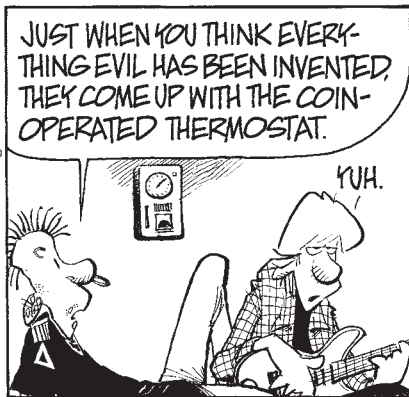
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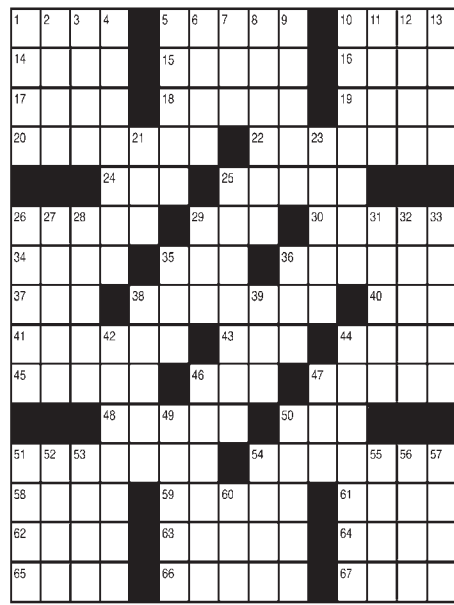
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- 30 Panorama
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- 35 Become firm
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## Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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# Today In History

Today is Thursday, September 29, the 272nd day of 2011. There are 93 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1567 - Second War of Religion begins in France between Huguenots and King Charles IX.

1650 - France's Parliament imposes peace on Bordeaux, which virtually ends second Fronde revolt.

1789 - The U.S. War Department establishes a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

1829 - London's reorganized police force, which becomes known as Scotland Yard, goes on duty.

1875 - Rebellion in Cuba leads to deterioration of U.S.-Spanish relations.

1911 - Italy declares war on Turkey, eventually conquering Libya.

1918 - Allied forces score decisive breakthrough of German Hindenburg line in France.

1923 - Britain begins ruling Palestine under a League of Nations mandate.

1943 - U.S. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio sign an armistice during World War II aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

1963 - The second session of Second Vatican Council opens in Rome.

1965 - Soviet Union admits it is supplying arms to North Vietnam.

1967 - International Monetary Fund's 106 members, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, approve major reform of world monetary system.

1972 - China and Japan normalize relations.

1976 - Syrian troops in Lebanon drive out Palestinian guerrillas from most of their key mountain positions east of Beirut.



Today is Anita Ekberg's birthday

1978 - Pope John Paul I is found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

1982 - Seven people in the Chicago area die after unwittingly taking Extra-Strength Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide.

1988 - The space shuttle Discovery blasts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, marking America's return to manned space flight following the Challenger disaster.

1990 - The United States meets with Vietnam in the first high-level meeting between the two nations since the Vietnam War. It is a sign of the improved relationship between the countries, which had not maintained diplomatic relations since the war.

1991 - Explosion rocks Georgia's broadcasting center that is held by opponents of the republic's President Zviad Gamsakhurdia.

1992 - Brazilian lawmakers impeach President Fernando Collor de Mello.

1993 - U.S. President Bill Clinton announces plans to liberalize existing restrictions on exports of a wide

range of computers and other high-technology equipment. An estimated \$35 billion worth of exports will be affected.

1994 - Prodded by the United States, NATO allies agree to intensify retaliatory air strikes in Bosnia.

1995 - Khaled Kelkal, an Algerian wanted as the main suspect for a string of terror bombings in Paris, is killed in a shootout with police in eastern France.

1996 - Bosnia's first postwar elections are watched by international groups that certify victories by nationalist parties and the new president, Alija Izetbegovic.

1997 - Turkey carries out air raids against Kurdish rebels inside northern Iraq. The bombings are part of a continuing Turkish operation against guerrillas, who seek to establish Kurdish self-rule in southeastern Turkey.

1998 - The bodies of 15 ethnic Albanians, shot in the head and mutilated, are shown to diplomats and journalists in the Yugoslav province of Kosovo, raising the likelihood of military intervention.

1999 - Israel acknowledges for the first time that its agents helped train interrogators at a southern Lebanon prison where militiamen are accused of torturing suspects.

2001 - The Rockwater 2, a construction support ship, begins to work on lifting a Japanese fishing vessel, Ehme Maru, 600 meters (2,000 feet) below, that was sunk by a U.S. submarine in February. Nine men and teenage boys were killed in the sinking.

2002 - The United Nations World Food Program says it is cutting off grain rations to 3 million North Koreans be-

cause of a shortfall in food aid from donor nations.

2003 - Officials in mainland China and Hong Kong disclose details of their trade agreement pact, CEPA. It will provide a tariff-free entry for all Hong Kong goods exported to the mainland by 2006.

2004 - The Vatican, in its first speech ever to the U.N. General Assembly's annual autumn session for world leaders, calls for a total ban on human cloning and criticizes the war in Iraq and unilateral responses to terrorism.

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# Report: U.S. agency cut corners on climate finding

**DINA CAPPIELLO**

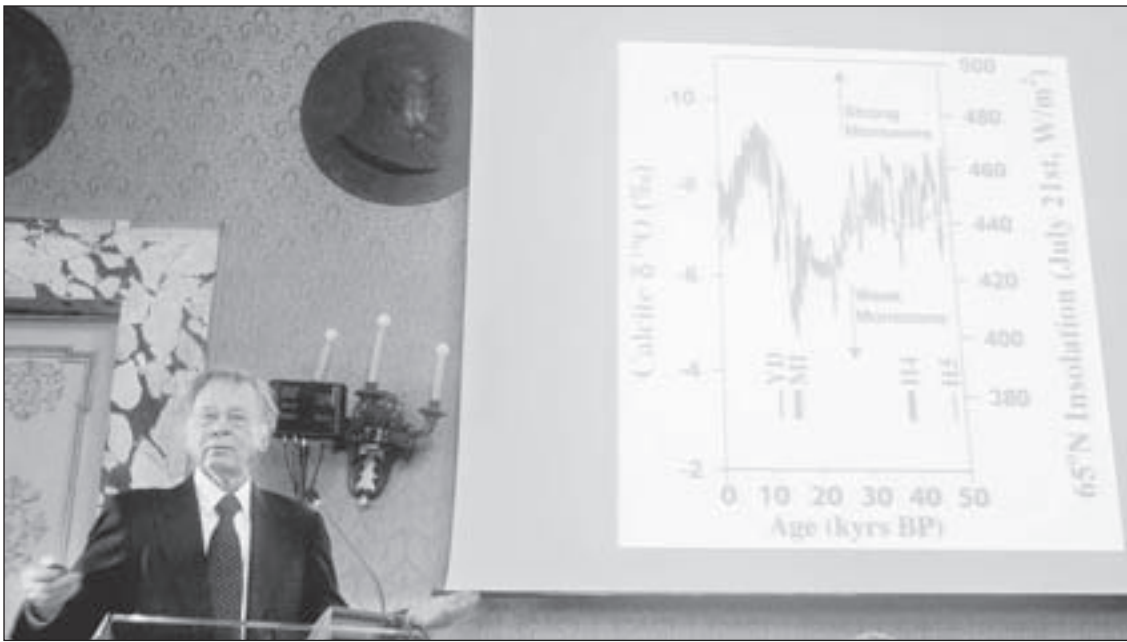
**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration cut corners when it produced a key scientific document underpinning its decision to regulate climate-changing pollution, an internal government watchdog said Wednesday.

Nothing in the report challenges the overwhelming scientific consensus around the causes of global warming.

But that is unlikely to stop Republicans and industry lawyers from using it to say the administration should not regulate greenhouse gases without congressional action.

The report says the Environmental Protection Agency should have followed a more robust review process for a technical paper supporting its determination that greenhouse gases posed dangers to human health and welfare, a



In this Nov. 21, 2008 file photo, climate scientist Wally Broecker of New York's Columbia University addresses the audience during the Rome ceremony at which he was awarded a Balzan Prize for outstanding scientific achievement. Although researchers overwhelmingly agree that manmade greenhouse gases are warming the planet, causing climate change, resistance to the idea appears to have hardened among many Americans. "Eventually it'll become damned clear that the Earth is warming," says Broecker, credited with coining the term "global warming" in a 1975 research article.

**Associated Press**

finding that ultimately compelled it to issue costly and controversial regulations to control greenhouse gases for the first time.

The EPA and White House disagreed with the report's conclusions.

They said the greenhouse gas document did not require more independent scrutiny because the scientific evidence it was based on already had been thoroughly reviewed.

"The report importantly does not question or even address the science used or the conclusions reached," the EPA said in a statement. The environmental agency said its work had "followed all appropriate guidance." The greenhouse gas deci-

sion — which marked a reversal from the Bush administration — was announced in December 2009, a week before President Barack Obama headed to international negotiations in Denmark on a new treaty to curb global warming. At the time, progress was stalled in a Democrat-controlled Congress on a new law to reduce emissions in the United States.

The report does not challenge the scientific consensus around the causes of global warming. In 2010, a survey of more than 1,000 of

the world's most cited and published climate scientists found that 97 percent believe climate change is very likely caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

But by highlighting what it calls “procedural deviations,” the report provides ammunition to Republicans and industry lawyers fighting the Obama administration over its decision to use the 40-year-old Clean Air Act to fight global warming. While the Supreme Court said in 2007 that the act could be used to control greenhouse gases, after the Bush administration repeatedly said it could not, the Republican-controlled House has passed legislation to change that. The bill has so far been stymied by the Democrat-controlled Senate.

Sen. James Inhofe, the Republican who requested the inspector general's investigation and one of Congress' most vocal climate skeptics, said Wednesday that the report confirms that "the very foundation of President Obama's job-destroying agenda was rushed, biased and flawed."

Environmentalists, meanwhile, said Wednesday the inspector general was nitpicking at the public's expense. The investigation cost nearly \$300,000.

"The process matters, but the science matters more," said Francesca Grifo, a senior scientist with the Union of Concerned Scientists. "Nothing in this report questions the agency's ability to move forward with global warming emissions rules."

A prominent environmental attorney and Columbia University law professor also questioned what effect, if any, the report would have on global warming policy. □

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# NYC exhibit focuses on jewelry by famous artists

ULA ILNYTZKY

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An enamel black-and-white brooch by Roy Lichtenstein that recalls his pop art designs. A bold gilt-painted necklace twisted into a bowtie by Frank Stella inspired by his sculptural forms and reliefs. These wearable works of art are at once different but recognizable as the designs of their creators, and are among nearly 200 one-of-a-kind and limited edition jewelry pieces in a new exhibition at the Museum of Arts and Design.

"Picasso to Koons: Artist as Jeweler" features bold, whimsical and even wacky creations, all conceived to be worn, by some of the most noted artists of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Culled from private collections, the show features jewelry by 135 artists, including masters Georges Braque, Max Ernst, Alexander Calder, Salvador Dali, Man Ray, modern artists Arman, Cesar, Robert Rauschenberg, Louise Nevelson and contemporary artists John Chamberlain and Anish Kapoor.

The show will surprise many visitors because "people don't know that these artists did jewelry," said Diane Venet, the exhibition's guest curator. "It's a very intimate part of their work and their life."

Visitors also will have fun recognizing the artist in the



This undated photo of a pendant called "Rabbit Necklace," by artist Jeff Koons was released by the Museum of Arts and Design, in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

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pieces, she added.

The Stella necklace belongs to Venet. It was a gift from the artist, made in 2008 after repeated requests by her husband, French sculptor Bernar Venet, whose unique jewelry also is featured in the exhibition.

"We were at dinner and my husband said 'you know (John) Chamberlain did a piece for Diane ... It's a pity you don't do anything,'" she recounted.

At that, Stella got up from the table, went to a drawer, pulled out a bag and gave it to Diane Venet. Inside was the necklace.

"It's a huge pendant that looks like a bowtie," she said. It's a large piece measuring 11 inches (28 centimeters) in length and 1 5/16 inch (3.8 centimeters) in diameter of gold-painted titanium, delicately bent into a bow and a central gold medal knot. He designed it in the same way that he creates his sculptures, using a computer.

Two years later, Stella made a ring, in an edition of five. After that, he never did any more because "jewelry is not his thing," Venet said. With the exception of Kapoor, Arman and Calder, who produced 1,800 pieces of jewelry in his lifetime, few of the exhibited artists are known for their jewelry. Many of the pieces were created in small editions of 10-50 with a special person in mind, as a commission or

as a challenge.

"These miniature works of art also give many artists the opportunity to test their practical ability and to confront unprecedented constraints," Venet writes in a fully-illustrated book that accompanies the exhibition.

She said her passion for artist-designed jewelry began 25 years ago when her artist husband wrapped a slender piece of silver around her finger, a wedding ring he crafted. Her collection has grown to include other pieces from him and many of the other artists in the exhibition.

She describes the works as a miniature museum that can be worn on the wrist, the neck or the finger.

"I don't wear jewelry," she said, "I wear a work of art." The show is "a wonderful way to look at artists who are primarily painters and sculptors and are also making jewelry," said Holly Hotchner, director of MAD, one of the only U.S. museums with a designated contemporary jewelry gallery. For instance, a painted and crumpled piece of aluminum conceived as a brooch by John Chamberlain is a wonderful miniature sculpture.

"He didn't just miniaturize what he does in larger scale, he actually made something that has its own power as a brooch," the director said. □



This undated photo of a pendant called "Le gran Faune," created by artist Pablo Picasso in 1973, was released Museum of Arts and Design, in New York, Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Associated Press

## Daredevil Washington Monument inspection starts

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — In what looked like a scene from an action movie, an elite team of professionals rappelled down the Washington Monument on Wednesday — not to carry out a covert mission, but to look for damage done to the 555-foot marble obelisk by last month's earthquake.

As tourists squinted at the tiny figures, two men and two women climbed from a hatch and observation windows at the top of the monument and slowly began lowering themselves with ropes and harnesses

down its pyramid-shaped cap, where a large, inch-wide crack was located and where they expected to find the most damage. From the ground, their movements appeared methodical and deliberate, but it was still enough to make family members and gawkers nervous.

"It's kind of freaky. I'm terrified of heights. I'll bet everything looks all swirly up there," said Brandon Guy, 14, of Windsor, California. Engineers said that the 1884 landmark is structurally sound but that they need to catalog every defect so they can determine how long it will take to repair it

and reopen it to the public. To carry that out, they called in a "difficult access team" of specialists certified in both architectural engineering and climbing. The team was supervised by a park ranger with extensive mountaineering experience in the Denali National Park in Alaska, home to North America's highest peak.

During the daredevil inspection, which is expected to last several days, the intrepid climbers will work their way up and down the sides of the entire monument, snap photos with a digital camera and tap the stones with a soft mallet,



Dan Gach, left, Erik Shon, center, and Emma Cardini inspect the exterior of the Washington Monument for damage caused by last month's earthquake on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2011, in Washington.

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listening for indications of damage. They have masonry tools to remove loose stone or mortar. Each is also carry-

ing a two-way radio and an iPad loaded with data from the 1999 restoration of the monument. □



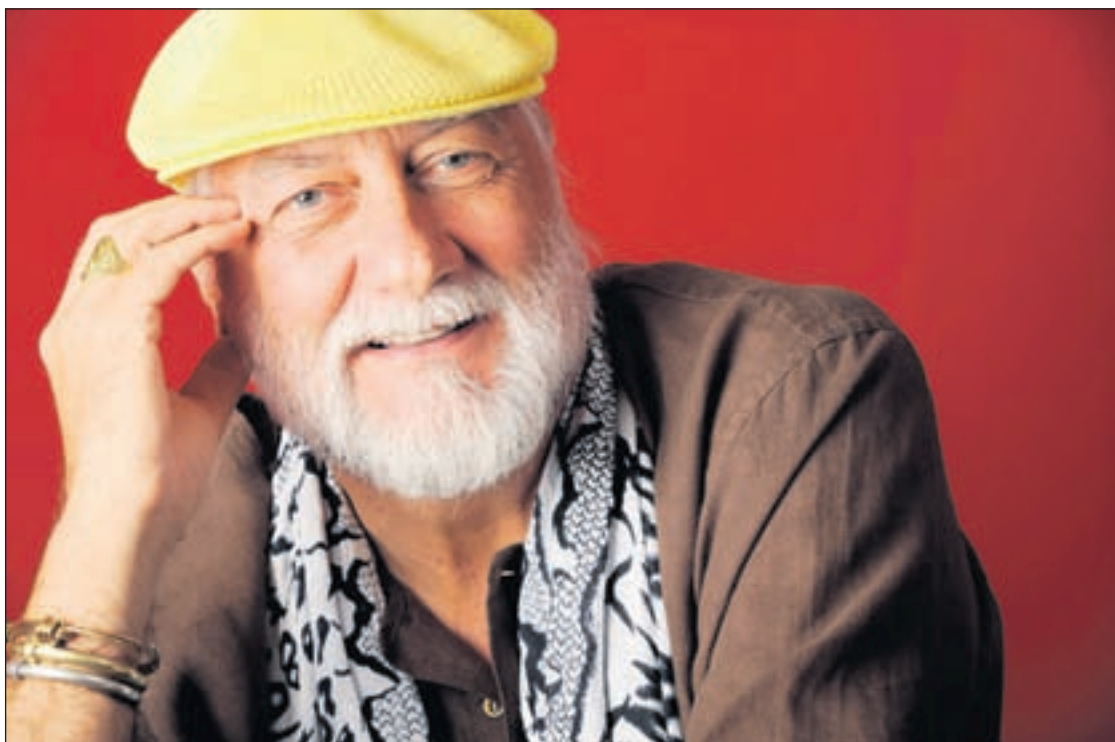
# Fleetwood celebrates musical legacy, new eatery

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**(AP)** — Long before the success of Fleetwood Mac, when band founder Mick Fleetwood was a kid in the U.K. learning how to play the drums, he dreamed of having his own restaurant. His parents entrusted the then 9-year-old with the stable of the old farmhouse they lived in, and young



In this Sept. 8, 2011 file photo, musician Mick Fleetwood poses for a portrait in Beverly Hills, Calif. Fleetwood says Fleetwood Mac will tour next year, but he's even more excited about his latest venture - opening a namesake restaurant on the island of Maui.

**Associated Press**

Fleetwood turned it into something of a children's speakeasy that he called Club Keller. Instead of booze, he poured Coca-Cola.

"I used to serve up Smith's crisps and fish and chips and stuff for other children to come round," the bearded rocker recalled during a recent interview, his eyes twinkling at the memory. "I had my radiogram and my drums in there and it was my world."

Now, five and a half decades later, Fleetwood is creating a new world for

himself and his music: He's opening a restaurant in his adopted hometown of Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui.

Fleetwood's on Front St. is set to open early next year, and its namesake sees it as the next professional chapter in his life: A place where he can indulge his taste for fine food and drink (including his own Mick Fleetwood Private Cellar wines), perform with his friends and run the whole show. He plans to showcase local musicians and artists and invite the occasional

famous rock star. The new establishment is essentially a large-scale, souped-up version of his old Club Keller. "I've always wanted to do this," Fleetwood said on a visit to his manager's office in Beverly Hills.

"I'm like one of those weird Chinese creatures where you see something 30 years ahead. It's petrifying and exciting and fulfilling, because... if you keep focused, and it's a corny thing, but if you visualize and visualize and visualize, a lot of stuff really does come to you."

Club Keller itself may actually be resurrected, said Fleetwood's business partner, Jonathan Todd.

"We have an option on a smaller place downstairs and, if we get it, I swear we're going to call it Club Keller," Todd said.

Developing the restaurant is dominating Fleetwood's time. He helped choose the site (a historic building dating back to 1916 — the year his mother was born), select the decor and create the menu, but he insists "it's not a shrine to Mick Fleetwood."

"You'll know that it's my place but it will be very tastefully done," the 64-year-old said. "It's not a museum for Mick Fleetwood. This is a real working restaurant."

He says he'll draw on the "heritage of Fleetwood Mac" to inform its atmosphere.

"All of this is a responsibility to do it properly, and selfishly a responsibility to something that's very precious to me, which is everything I've done with Fleetwood Mac and my partners and the music," he said.

The restaurant has taken him away from music a bit, and he expects that to continue, but that's fine with him: "Now I will have a place to play when I want to or need to." □



This image provided by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce shows singer Melissa Etheridge posing Tuesday Sept. 27, 2011 with her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles.

**Associated Press**

**Melissa Etheridge gets**

**Hollywood Walk of Fame star**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** —

Grammy- and Oscar-winning singer-songwriter Melissa Etheridge, a breast cancer survivor, has received a Hollywood Walk of Fame star.

Tuesday's ceremony in front of the Hard Rock Cafe Hollywood also marked the launch of Hard Rock's monthlong Pinktober campaign, a series of concerts and celebrity events held to raise money and breast cancer awareness.

The 50-year-old Etheridge is best known for the songs "Come to My Window" and "I'm the Only One." She received the 2,450th sidewalk star in Hollywood. □

## Elton John starts 3-year Las Vegas run at Caesars

**OSKAR GARCIA**

**Associated Press**

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** —

Elton John is returning to Las Vegas for a three-year headlining gig at Caesars Palace.

The five-time Grammy winner was set to perform Wednesday night for the first of 16 shows scheduled through October, the first performances of a new show titled "The Million Dollar Piano."

The remainder of the shows during the three-year run have not yet been announced.

John says it's named for the instrument he'll play during the show — a piano that took manufacturer Yamaha four years to build.



British singer Elton John performs during the Rock in Rio music festival in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Friday Sept. 23, 2011.

**Associated Press**

"It's going to surprise a lot of people," John said of the instrument earlier this year as the show was announced.

"This isn't like the old days," John said of the new show.

"It's going to be certainly different from anything you've seen from me before, as was 'The Red Piano,'" his previous show at Caesars.

His return comes more than

two years after that five-year stint that ended in 2009. The run was originally planned for three years but was extended because of demand.

"The Red Piano" included risque imagery — with high-tech videos and large, inflatable props — plus the hits John has become known for during a career that's spanned more than 40 years.

Jason Gastwirth, senior vice president of entertainment for casino owner Caesars Entertainment Corp., believes John's run could be extended again.

"I think it's very possible, both on duration and number of shows," Gastwirth said. □



## Decoding the God complex



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**WASHINGTON** — Medical schools are starting to train doctors to be less intimidating to patients. And patients are starting to train themselves to be less intimidated by doctors. We haven't completely gotten away from the syndrome so perfectly described by Alec Baldwin's arrogant surgeon in the movie "Malice": "When someone goes into that chapel and they fall on their knees and they pray to God that their wife doesn't miscarry or that their daughter doesn't bleed to death or that their mother doesn't suffer acute neural trauma from postoperative shock, who do you think they're praying to? ... You ask me if I have a God complex. Let me tell you something: I am God."

But there have been baby steps away from the Omniscient Doctor. The federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has begun a new campaign to encourage patients to ask more pertinent questions and to prod doctors to elicit more relevant answers.

"I used to think, 'He's a doctor. Who am I to ask a question?'" Bill Lee, a Baltimore man who has suffered 10 heart attacks, says in a video on the agency's website urging people to speak up.

Patients have more options, a flood of Internet information and a bombardment of drug ads listing side effects — and that can be terrifying. It adds to the general anxiety level that health insurance costs are rising sharply and that President Barack Obama's health care law seems headed toward the Supreme Court. The "experts" are always issuing guidelines, which are soon contradicted by another set of "experts." It happened with the recommended age for regular mammograms, and it's happening with guidelines on hormone replacement for postmenopausal women.

First, estrogen was going to be the fountain of youth. Then hormone replacement therapy was going to spell

doom, causing heart disease, stroke and breast cancer. And now, as The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday, "some experts are reaching a more nuanced view of the risks and benefits and concluding that hormone therapy may still be a good option for healthy women in their 50s, depending on their symptoms, family history and worst fears."

Each patient, a Michigan gynecologist told The Journal, is like a Rubik's Cube, and must get an individual solution.

That is also the message of a new book, "Your Medical Mind: How to Decide What Is Right for You," by Jerome Groopman, an oncologist, and his wife, Pamela Hartzband, an endocrinologist, both members of the Harvard faculty and staff physicians at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

Few people have done as much to demystify medicine as Groopman, who has written four other books and lots of New Yorker essays aiming to help doctors understand that patients are often neglected allies with good intuition, and to help patients get confidence and control by understanding how doctors think.

Like a Middle East peace broker, he aims to lower the stress level and bring together two sides who perpetually misunderstand each other.

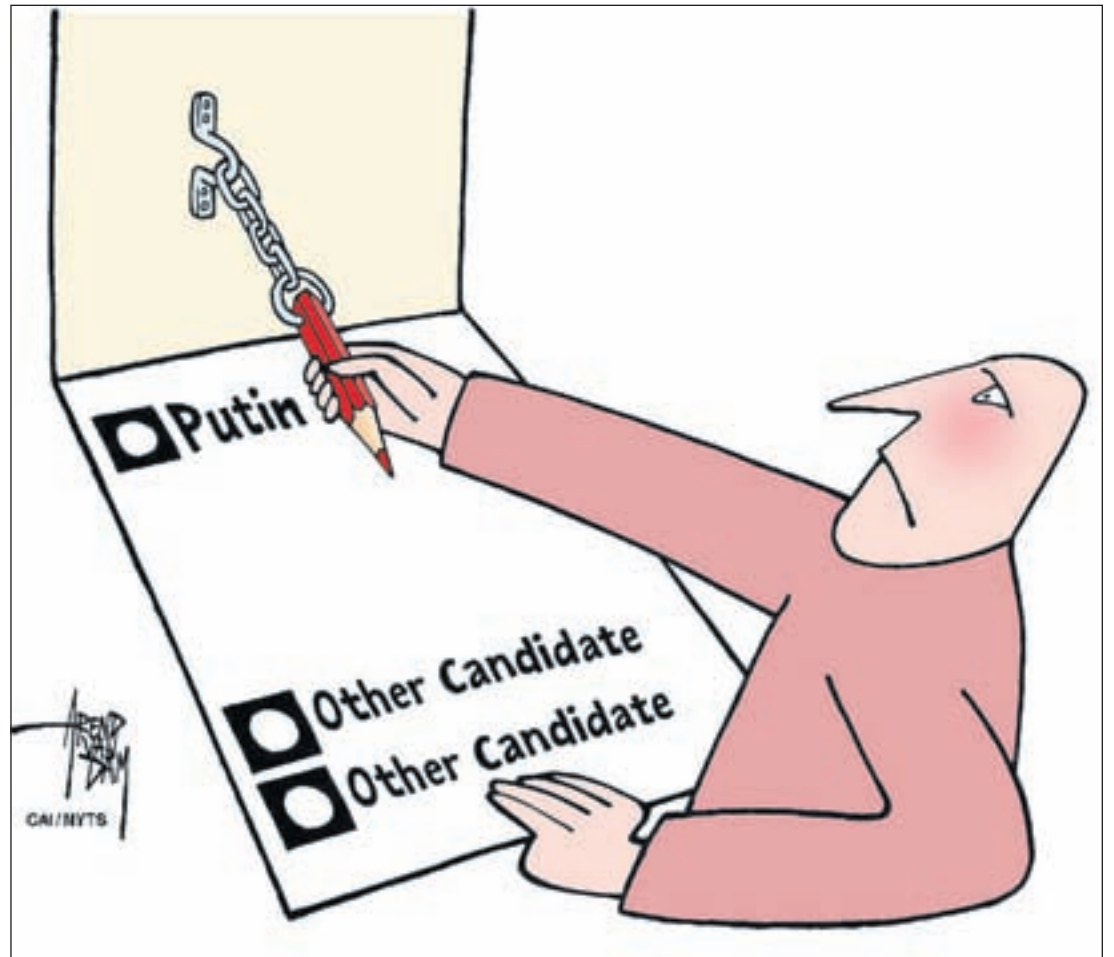
With his white beard, 6-foot-5 stature and friendly manner, the Queens native certainly looks trustworthy. Stephen Colbert once accused Groopman of "trying to look like God."

And I can say from personal experience — since I've known him, he's provided guidance that helped save the lives of three members of my family — that he is a fierce, sensitive and generous patient advocate. (And an aficionado of Irish literature.)

Hartzband and Groopman warn against excessive reliance on overreaching so-called experts and nebulous metrics and statistics.

"The answer often lies not with the experts but within you," they write, adding that the Albert Einstein line is apt: "Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."

The authors stress that "the best" and "informed" can be subjective terms, and that your prognosis can often look very different if you "flip the frame" of reference. They try to decode the Orwellian language that prevents physicians and patients from cooperating, and show how doctors can project their own preferences on patients. □



## 2 for 2, or 2 for 1?



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu of Israel, the Palestinian president, Mahmoud Abbas, and President Barack Obama all spoke at the U.N. last week and, honestly, it is hard to decide whose speech was worse. Netanyahu's read like a pep rally to the Likud Central Committee. Abbas' read like an address to an Arab League meeting. Obama's read like an appeal to Jewish voters in Florida. The president meant well, but domestic politics required that he whisper where he once spoke bold truths to both sides.

The whole soap opera was just another reminder of how broken the peacemaking effort is today and how much both sides still suspect the other of really wanting two states for one people rather than two states for two people.

I'll explain that in a moment, but, first, let me note that the Israeli newspaper Haaretz summed up the Netanyahu and Abbas performances perfectly, saying: "From these two narratives of demand and complaint, it appeared

as if the Israeli-Palestinian conflict traveled in a time machine back to the end of the last century, and decades of dialogue were wiped out — to the great joy of the extremists on both sides. Not peace, but rather the very fact of direct contact between the parties is once more perceived as a goal, and even that is increasingly fading into the distance." That is, indeed, where we are — questioning whether the two sides will even talk to each other anymore, let alone negotiate an implementable deal. Yet both sides act as if time is on their side. I beg to differ.

This is a "New Middle East" — but not in the way that we had hoped. When you leave the field empty of diplomacy now, with so many unstable characters roaming around — like extremist Israeli settlers given to occasionally daubing "Muhammad is a Pig" on Muslim buildings in the West Bank and extremist Palestinians from groups like Islamic Jihad given to shooting Israeli civilians or lobbing mortars from Gaza onto Israeli towns — you are really asking for trouble because many of the old firewalls are gone.

If clashes erupt between Israelis and Palestinians today, there is no President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to absorb the flames. Now there is a Turkish prime minister, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, ready to fan them — toward Israel. It is not

an exaggeration to say that if serious clashes erupted between Israelis and Palestinians, both the peace treaties between Egypt and Israel and Egypt and Jordan could be undermined. And if Palestinian violence spreads in the West Bank, Abbas may just tell the Israelis that he is shutting down the Palestinian Authority and will no longer serve as Israel's policeman on the West Bank. That would be the last nail in the coffin of the Oslo accords. So all three pillars of peace — imperfect as they may have been, but so vital to Israel's security since the 1970s — are in danger. Given these stakes, here is what a farsighted Israeli government would say to itself: "We have so much more to lose than the Palestinians if all this collapses. So let's go the extra mile. Abbas says he will not come to peace talks without a freeze on settlement-building. We think that is bogus. We gave him a 10-month partial freeze and he did nothing with it. But you know what, there is so much at stake here, let's test him again. Let's offer him a six-month total freeze on settlement-building. What is six months in the history of 5,000-year-old people? We already have 300,000 settlers in place. It is a win-win strategy that in no way imperils our security. If the Palestinians still balk, they will be the ones isolated, not us. And, if they come, who knows? Maybe we cut a deal." □



# Gaga stylist disappoints at Paris fashion week

**JENNY BARCHFIELD**

**AP Fashion Writer**

**PARIS (AP)** — The alchemy was off at the house of Mugler, where Lady Gaga's stylist, Nicola Formichetti, again failed to live up to his reputation as a sort of Generation Y Midas who turns everything he touches into gold.

thetically — the designers have radically different visions — but by allowing his clothes to mature naturally and to speak for themselves.

Rochas' Marco Zanini held fast to his chaste vision of early 1960-era glamour with a slight patina of nerdiness, and big, bold retro-fu-

ling projected these topos onto the ladylike shapes of 1950s-era couture, sending out classic bell-shaped shirts and ample cocoon coats illuminated by urban lights or covered in dramatic black and white etchings of mountains and waterfalls.

Suddenly, the mothball-



Models walk at the end of Belgian fashion designer Dries van Noten's spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection, Wednesday Sept.28, 2011 in Paris.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)

Formichetti's second effort as Mugler creative director fizzled Wednesday, as the label fielded a less-than-convincing spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection of willfully wacky sci-fi garb in neutral shades. It was as if the show, which garnered only a tepid round of applause before fashion insiders fled into the hot Paris night, had been tailor-made to drive home a crucial point: That buzz does not a fashion house make.

No one knows that better than Dries Van Noten, the modest and affable Belgian designer who, working quietly over the past quarter century, has built an empire on the quality of his clothes alone. Van Noten delivered another tour de force Wednesday, with a collection of sculptural skirts and jackets printed with cityscapes by night. It looked as if Damir Doma were following in Van Noten's footsteps, not aes-

turistic glamour was in the air at Brazilian wunderkind Pedro Lourenco's polished show.

Zipper to nowhere embellished the peppy sportswear numbers from Portugal's Felipe Oliveira Baptista, and models were encased in cages and plastic masks at the day's most disturbing display, by soft-spoken British bad boy Gareth Pugh.

Paris' nine-day-long ready-to-wear extravaganza moves into day three on Thursday with shows by California-born designer Rick Owens, coveted Paris label Balmain and Indian madcap Manish Arora.

## DRIES VAN NOTEN

Romantic, boulder-strewn landscapes and anonymous cityscapes — their neon lights shining in the dark — were the dreamscapes of Van Noten's haunting spring-summer collection.

The Belgian critical dar-

laden retro air that clings to these shapes evaporated, replaced by a crisp, of-the-moment freshness.

These were the kind of clothes that you would never suspect you could want, but once you see them, you can think of nothing else.

## MUGLER

Whether he dresses her in meat or swathes her in a gown made entirely out of stuffed animals, Formichetti can do no wrong when it comes to outfitting Lady Gaga. But at his day job as Mugler creative director, the stylist has yet to hit on the winning formula.

After his widely panned debut at Mugler last season with a collection that was all about plastic pants and other garments normally sold at sex shops, Formichetti was back Wednesday with a radically different — but no more successful — approach to spring-summer 2012. □



A model wears a creation for Thierry Mugler fashion house's spring-summer 2012 ready to wear collection presented Wednesday Sept. 28, 2011, in Paris.

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)



A model wears a creation by Portuguese fashion designer Felipe Oliveira Baptista for his spring-summer 2012 ready-to-wear collection presented Wednesday Sept.28, 2011 in Paris.

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